

The Woodlands Township
AD HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, August 12, 2019
MINUTES

The Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee of The Woodlands Township Board of Directors met in regular session, open to the public, on Monday, August 12, 2019 posted to begin at 11:30 a.m. The Committee meeting was held in a meeting room at the office of The Woodlands Township, 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard; The Woodlands, Texas 77381 within the boundaries of The Woodlands Township.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Committee Chair Dr. Ann Snyder, Committee Member Bruce Rieser and Committee Member Carol Stromatt.

STAFF ADVISORS: The Woodlands Township President, Don Norrell; The Woodlands Township Director of Community Relations, Nick Wolda; The Woodlands Township Attorney, Robin Cross; The Woodlands Township Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Todd Stephens and The Woodlands CVB Sr. Administrative Assistant, Sonia Guerrero.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Jane Stueckemann, The Woodlands Villager and Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, community member.

1. Call to order;

Committee Chair Ann Snyder called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m. There was a quorum of members present; the Committee proceeded to conduct business regarding the following matters.

2. Receive, consider and act upon adoption of the meeting agenda;

Motion to adopt agenda was made by Bruce Rieser and seconded by Carol Stromatt. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment;

None.

4. Receive, consider and act upon minutes from June 26, 2019 meeting;

Motion made by Bruce Rieser to adopt the minutes, seconded by Ann Snyder. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Receive and consider an update on the Texas Commission on the Arts Cultural Arts District funds;

Todd Stephens explained there were no new updates since last meeting regarding funding for a Cultural Arts Districts in Texas. The Township is not guaranteed funding approval after a potential yearlong application process. Committee Member Bruce Rieser would prefer that non-profit organizations take advantage of this funding rather than commit Township resources and staff time. Committee Member Carol Stromatt would like the Township to start building interest in the community for this initiative. Nick Wolda presented an update on The Waterway Arts District signage. Discussion followed. Motion to accept the update was made by Bruce Rieser, seconded by Carol Stromatt. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Receive and consider guidelines for Cultural District Designation in Texas;

The Committee received the guide and checklist to programs and services for the Cultural District Designation Program in Texas. The Committee took no action on this matter.

7. Recess to the Executive Session with counsel, staff and/or affected third parties to discuss matters relating to real property, deliberation of economic development negotiations, discuss personal matters, consult with The Woodlands Township attorney, and discuss funding alternatives and potential agreements with other local, state and federal agencies;

Recessed to Executive Session at 12:04 p.m.

8. Reconvene in Public Session; and take action on matters from Executive Session;

Reconvened to Public Session at 12:07 p.m. The Committee took no action after Executive Session.

9. Receive consider and act upon the next meeting date of the Economic Development Committee;

The decision was made to hold the next meeting on September 19, 2019 at 4:30 p.m., considering no items arise before this date. Motion for the next meeting date of the Economic Development Committee was made by Bruce Rieser, seconded by Carol Stromatt. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Consideration of items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting;

Committee considerations to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting include matters related to The Woodlands Children's Museum.

11. Adjournment;

Motion made by Carol Stromatt to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bruce Rieser. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.