



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
24 October 2007 7:30am
San Tan Conference Room

Call to order

Roll Call

Present:

Chairman, Gordon Mortensen	Town of Queen Creek
Vice Chair, Toni Valenzuela	Town of Queen Creek
Jim Nelson	SRP
Kevin Petersen	Petersen Property
Albert McHenry	ASU
John Kross	Town of Queen Creek
Carson Brown	Vanderbilt Farms
Jason Barney	Landmark/Circle G
John Schroeder	CGCC Williams Campus
Kim Moyers	Town of Queen Creek
Roseann Sweet	Queen Creek Resident
Wayne Balmer	Town of Queen Creek
Vincent Davis	Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce

- ◆ Town Manager, John Kross, gave updates on the purchase of the Queen Creek Water Company and the Town of Queen Creek Fire Service.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Davis, seconded by John Kross to approve the Minutes of last meeting.

- ◆ Consultant to the Town, Wayne Balmer made a presentation on the Economic Impact Analysis Summary/ 2007 General Plan Amendment Requests. Key issues are as follows:
 - ➔ Commissioner Barney reminded the group to keep in mind that quality of investors that the Town attracts will mean quality of employment which would ultimately result in the quality of life of Queen Creek residents.
 - ➔ Commissioner McHenry mentioned that the Phoenix-Mesa Airport should be a major component in Queen Creek's Master Plan amendment; He also highlighted better land use pattern to enhance employment pattern.

- ➔ Planning Manager Fred Brittingham reminded the group that with Economic Development comes the need for infrastructure, utilities, sewers and other basic services which involve major cost.
 - ➔ Commissioner Davis signified his agreement with the amendments but encouraged the group to think of the “kind of employers/workers” the Town will be attracting with the building of 1,000 sq. ft dwelling units/apartments.
 - ➔ Commissioner Sweet emphasized the significance of Ellsworth Road as a key to create a “total picture” for the Town; Mr. Nelson also mentioned Ellsworth road as the Town’s economic hub; Commissioner Petersen mentioned about a move to get Mesa landowners support of the Ellsworth Road extension. More details about this to be provided in future meetings.
 - ➔ Chairman Mortensen highlighted and welcomed Economic Development evolution based on the desires of the Town, the Town’s unique quality, mixed use which would also address infrastructure and transportation issues as well as issues regarding the environment.
 - ➔ Commissioner McHenry also stressed the need to work with Economic Development partners and look at the “regional point of view”.
- ◆ A quorum was not met therefore a vote cannot be made during the meeting. However, Chairman Mortensen encouraged everyone to give feedback and put together comments before presenting this to the Council; The group came up with a “yes” consensus about the proposed amendments.
 - ◆ Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14; 7:30am.
 - ◆ Meeting adjourned at 8:55am.

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10/29/2007