



MINUTES

Economic Development Commission
22350 S. Ellsworth Rd, Queen Creek, AZ
Historic Town Hall
October 25, 2017
7:30 am

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Commissioner Chris Clark called the meeting to order at 7:34 am. The following people attended:

Commission Members: Richard Graham; Steve Sossaman; Shane Randall; Chris Clark; Derek Neighbors; Cindy Barnes; Grant Tayrien; Warde Nichols; Perry Berry; Jason Barney

Town Staff: Doreen Cott, Economic Development Director; Marissa Garnett, Economic Development Specialist

Absent Members: Lee Ester, Chair; Bill Smith, Vice Chair; Courtney Kleinebreil; Perry Rhea; Carson Brown; Council Member Oliphant; Council Member Hoffman Mark Schnepf

2. Introductions & Announcements

Tim Stubbe, from the Citizen Leadership Institute was in attendance.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

A. Consideration and possible approval of the September 27, 2017 minutes

Motion to approve the September 27, 2017 minutes as presented.

1st: Warde Nichols

2nd: Shane Randall

VOTE: Approved unanimously

B. Discussion and possible approval of a façade improvement application for Heart to Soul located at 22033 S. Ellsworth Road

Economic Development Director Doreen Cott said that Heart to Soul was awarded funding at the last meeting on September 27, 2017 and came back for round two in order to coordinate their project. Ms. Cott explained that applicants are eligible for funding twice in any five-year period. Ms. Cott said that staff carefully reviewed the list of improvements to be certain there were no duplicate items from their previous request. Ms. Cott provided a power point presentation showing conceptual drawings of the proposed items and gave details on the following:

Applicant: Heart to Soul Reiki – Lori Strobehn, 22033 S. Ellsworth Rd (Round 2)

- Exterior improvements as detailed in the application including demolition; exterior stone cladding; landscaping/paving; driveway pavers; benches & posts; masonry work; lighting; plants and trees; new front door; mailbox; signage; custom cover for HVAC unit .

Total Reimbursable Improvements: \$40,195
Max Allowed Reimbursement: \$20,000

Commissioner Sossaman asked if the improvements stay with the property. Ms. Cott replied yes and said all projects should be permanent to the structure/façade and should remain as part of the property. She added that signage is an eligible improvement if it is part of a comprehensive façade improvement project.

Lori and Dennis Strobehn were in attendance to answer any questions.

Motion: To approve the façade improvement application (round 2) in the amount of \$20,000 for Heart to Soul Reiki with the stipulation that all necessary permits and approvals are obtained through the Planning Department before Notice to Proceed is provided and all work is completed to Town Standards before reimbursement is made.

1st: Warde Nichols

2nd: Grant Tayrien

VOTE: Approved unanimously

E. Summary of current events – Reports from Chair, Committee Members and Economic Development staff.

Director Cott said Town Council passed the Town Center Plan and work on the action items will begin, starting with the overlay district.

Ms. Cott reported that the move and expansion of Gangplank to the town owned property just north of the Chamber of Commerce was approved. Commissioner

Cindy Barnes commented on an article about an ASU student that attributed their success to their networking experiences at Gangplank.

Ms. Cott said the RFP for the 5-acre parcel east of QC District for hotel and entertainment uses is underway and they are narrowing down choices.

Ms. Cott reported on the following groundbreaking, openings and projects underway: Crismon Road Extension; Ted's Shooting Range; Planet Fitness; Nando's; Raising Cane's; Sodalicious; Salad and Go and Wendy's.

Commissioner Chris Clark announced the Holiday Parade on December 2 starts at 3:30 p.m. on Ellsworth Road. The festival and carnival will begin at noon.

Commissioner Perry Berry reported on the upcoming bond election; the recent Suicide Prevention event at the Performing Arts Center; upcoming QCUSD Science Night; the college career center at QC High and the November 15 groundbreaking for the elementary school.

Commissioner Cindy Barnes said Chandler-Gilbert Community College is now registering for spring classes and encouraged high school students to take advantage of the affordable classes. She also commented on the steady progress of the Friends of Horseshoe Park fundraising campaign and suggested a blurb be placed in the water bill insert regarding the project.

5. Announcements

Ms. Cott said that alternative dates for November and December meetings will be considered because of the holidays. She reported that several guest speakers are being scheduled for the January and February meetings.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

Chris Clark
Economic Development Commission

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PASSED AND APPROVED ON: December 13, 2017