



Results
Economic Development Commission

Town of Queen Creek
Development Services Building, San Tan Conference Room
22358 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek, AZ 85142
May 26, 2010
7:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Sherer at 7:41 a.m.

2. Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Commission on items not on the printed agenda. Please observe a time limit of three minutes.

There were no public comments.

3. Items for Discussion

A. Consideration and possible approval of the March 24, 2010 minutes

The March 24, 2010 minutes were approved unanimously by a voice vote.

B. Discussion and possible action on plans for an “ombudsman program” for the Town

Director Cott initiated discussion on a proposed ‘ombudsman program’ for development projects. The proposed program would create a team of staff members from various departments which are involved in the development process that would meet on a regular basis with the developer/applicant for the purpose of streamlining the development process from the pre-app stage through grand opening. The Commission discussed the merits of such a program and brainstormed ideas for setting up criteria for which projects would be eligible under the ‘program’. On a unanimous, voice vote, the Commission voted to direct staff to compile a draft ‘ombudsman program’ to include items discussed today, with proposed eligibility criteria; and for the Town to move forward with some type of ‘ombudsman program’ that would be based off the draft document prepared by Economic Development Staff.

C. Summary of current events – Reports from Chair, Commission Members and Economic Development Staff

Commissioners and Staff provided updates on the following:

- Valley Metro has notified ASU Polytechnic that they have delayed the bus route going from Red Mountain south on Power Road to PMGA and ASU Polytechnic due to economic reasons.

- The Town's Business Incubator Feasibility Study is underway. Interviews with stakeholders will be conducted June 1 and 3. The study will be completed by the end of June.
- As part of Town departmental reorganizations, Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center will function as part of the Economic Development Department. Council recently approved capital improvements in the amount of \$1 million, as well as the hiring of a new General Manager for the HPEC.
- The Barney Farms Major General Plan Amendment was approved unanimously by Council on May 19.
- Commissioner Valenzuela of PMGA provided updates pertaining to the airport, including: passenger terminal expansion; expanded passenger service to South Bend, Indiana; and construction of the new fire station and Forest Service

4. **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.