

CITY OF FREEPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

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BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in a scheduled meeting Thursday, June 7, 2011 at the Freeport City Council chambers at 403 N. Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

Jim Barnett (President)
Lila Diehl (Secretary)
Kenny Kouches
William Rains

Brooks Bass (Vice-President)
Sandra Wood-Wicke
Lon Siddall

Visitors in attendance: Annette Sanford, Mrs. Barnett,
Joyce Adkins, Mr. Ed Garcia, Mr. & Mrs. Perung.

WORKSHOP MEETING

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Barnett opened the meeting at 6:05 pm, with all members in attendance, except Mr. Rains.

Mr. Bass opened by welcoming everyone who came and stating that the fighting and stone throwing going on in the City has got to stop, because we do not get anywhere by fighting amongst ourselves, this is a great City and we are all proud of it and are here to make it better, we just have to learn to communicate together.

Mr. Barnett stated that we need to get this message out so the people of Freeport knows that this is the way this Board thinks.

There was discussion on Goals to be set for the Board for the future. Some were Housing in the Urban Renewal area, Mr. Hickey said that all property except 6 are now owned by the City, and Mr. Shaw was working with him on those. It was discussed that there should be a joint meeting with the Urban Renewal Board, EDC Board and the City Council to discuss this.

Another suggestion was to work on the Wetlands Project. There has been grant received for this project.

Mr. Perung suggested that the City enforce the Uniform Housing Code and the property values would increase which would also help in bringing Businesses to Freeport.

Mrs. Sanford gave all of the members a copy of a Mission Statement that she had drafted for some ideas, because she feels that the Board should have a Mission Statement.

She also felt like City Beautification and making sure all of the Handicap facilities in the city were up to code.

Mrs. Adkins questioned if the EDC money is separate from the City money.

Mr. Ed Garcia had questions on the tax rate, he also stated that the focus of the EDC should be to foster Economic Growth in our City as well as retain what we have.

Mr. Bass wanted to also inform the public that the first law suit was scheduled for June 13, 2011 and has now been changed to July 20, 2011 in the 149th, which is Judge Terry Holder's Court at 9:00 am, so that everyone could attend if possible.

Mr. Hickey informed the Board that a lot of the property in the City of Freeport isn't owned by Freeport Residents, therefore it is hard to get them to come here and take care of it and keep our City up to code.

Mr. Siddall mentioned that there might need to be a Truck Center for big trucks.

Ms. Wood-Wicke thought that maybe there could be some help for the Rock Front Apartments, she believes that the owner might be ready to tear them down, and do something with the property.

It was discussed that the Board would address some of these things and have additional workshops if needed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Siddall made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Mr. Kouches and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

These minutes were read and approved this _____ day of May, 2011.

James Barnett, President

Attested to by Lila Diehl, Secretary