

Economic Development Commission Minutes  
EDC Room South City Hall  
360 Rio Communities Blvd.  
June 27, 2018

**Call to Order -**

- Frank Logan called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

**Roll Call**

- Present – Frank Logan, Paul Baca, Fran Rossberg, Kuan Tikkun and Jim Winters
- Also present – City Manager Bob Skerry and Deputy Clerk Pam Johnson

**Approval & signing of minutes June 13, 2018**

- Jim Winters moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2018 meeting. Paul Baca seconded the motion and the minutes were approved on 5-0 vote.

**General Discussion**

- Kuan Tikkun said she is still trying to get information from local nurseries. She also said Toni Nunez at Plateau told her if we get specific addresses of the sixty homes planned and addresses of people living along Hwy 47, she will take the information to the owner.
- Jim Winters said the developer will contact Plateau if that is their choice. He said houses don't get an address until they are complete because we get the addresses from the county.
- Paul Baca said Plateau should be more aggressive and getting addresses is their job.
- Jim Winters asked Kuan for Ms. Nunez' phone number and said he will talk to the developer at the appropriate time.
- Kuan Tikkun said she will send Ms. Nunez' e-mail address to Jim and let her know he is in contact with the developer.
- Paul Baca said there is a rumor that Google bought twenty-seven acres on the west side of Los Lunas. He said they preferred the Belen area but were told there was no property available which reinforces the need for a county economic development commission.
- Jim Winters said he found the plat map for the area on the golf course where we have a drainage problem and it is noted as a drainage easement. He said now it's a matter of Herman Tabet sitting down with Scott Edeal and finding a solution. He explained that P&Z voted to move the project forward with the provision that the drainage issue be resolved.
- Jim Winters said P&Z started work on a solid waste ordinance at the request of Council and let them know what we wanted in the ordinance. He distributed a copy of a draft of the ordinance and said it is almost to the point of giving it to the public but asked that it not be given out yet.
- Jim Winters distributed copies of a landscape plan for City Hall and started a discussion. He said they're talking about putting landscaping in front along the DOT right-of-way and the location of the sign will need to be considered.
- Paul Baca said the architect mentioned that we need to make sure the trees don't interfere with the sign.

### **Planning for establishing a 501c3**

- Frank Logan said he put this on the agenda because we've talked about it for a long time and he would like to get something started. He said we can go through Legal Zoom to fill in the blank questionnaire and get a charter and by-laws for \$99.00. He said we need to see who we want to get into the corporation as a voting member.
- Paul Baca said VIA has a 501c3 corporation and we can use it as a template to get the charter. He said Councilor Brown also has documents for the Tierra Bonita 501c3.
- Bob Skerry said the biggest problem with those is they are specific. He said the mission statement needs to be broad and named something like "Rio Communities Foundation" so that money can be raised for anything that's a benefit to the City. He said the City can't donate money to any entity because of the anti-donation clause but 501c3 money can be used to promote private business.
- Jim Winters said 501c3 corporations get property donated to them and they can trade property for someone starting a business, but a city can't do that.
- Frank Logan said we need to put it together, pay our fee and get it approved.
- Paul Baca said the hardest thing to get is a 501c3 classification from the IRS, but we need to come up with a mission statement.

### **Combine Business Brochure ideas**

- Fran Rossberg distributed a copy of what could become a "rack card".
- Paul Baca suggested having more bullet points because it's faster to read.
- Jim Winters suggested adding "strong infrastructure for future development" under Innovative and Sustainable Community. He also said we have a good picture of the solar farm and we could add a picture of the rendering of the renovation to city hall. He said we need a better map and the places mentioned need to be shown on the map.
- Kuan Tikkun said the location of Rio Communities needs to be shown in relationship to the rest of the state.
- Jim Winters suggested everyone get a copy of a map we like so we can come up with a style we like and edit what we have now.

### **Adjourn -**

- Jim Winters moved to adjourn. Fran Rossberg seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pam Johnson, Deputy Clerk

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Frank Logan, Chairman

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Paul Baca

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Kuan Tikkun, Vice Chairman

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Jim Winters

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Fran Rossberg, Secretary

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