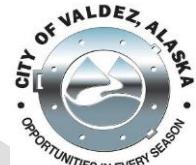


Regular Meeting Minutes

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Economic Diversification Commission

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REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Rhonda Wade called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in Valdez City Council Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 – Commission Member Rhonda Wade
Commission Member Richard Long
Commission Member Keith Thomas
Commission Member Colleen Stephens
Commission Member Reid

Absent: 1 - Commission Member Berg

Also Present: Economic Development Director Martha Barberio
Executive Assistant Debbie Roberts

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes - Economic Diversification Regular Minutes of April 26, 2019

MOTION: Commission Member Long moved, seconded by Commission Member Stephens to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yea: 5 – Commission Member Wade, Commission Member Long, Commission Member Thomas, Commission Member Reid and Commission Member Stephens.

Absent: 1 – Commission Member Berg

IV. REPORTS

1. Report: Economic Development Department Staff Report - First Quarter 2019

Director Barberio stated the report was attached and asked if there were any questions. Commission Member Long asked about the RFP and which areas of land were included. Discussion continued on the RFP and the 3 land areas which are Woodside,

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Cottonwood and Corbin Creek areas. The RFP is on hold due to researching the Pros and Cons of each land area and possible incentives that can be offered to the builders. Commission Member Long voiced his concern of developing areas that do not hook into the City Water and Sewer. Director Barberio explained the areas of land, Woodside is zoned Multifamily, Cottonwood has 2 streets platted and water and sewer would have to be extended to them. Corbin Creek has areas but Paul Nylund is on vacation and he had that information, so it was not available for the meeting. Corbin Creek would have wells and septic, not hooked into the City. Director Barberio then discussed that she attended the Senior Citizens Board Meeting and they are looking at expanding Sr. Housing. Commission Member Wade brought up concerns that not all people want City hook ups and that they want space for recreational vehicle parking. Discussion continued on Corbin Creek land issues and development. Commission Member Wade inquired about the land by the Pipe yard and if it was available. Discussion continued on Water and Sewer extension to Robe River and out laying areas. Waterfront Master Plan and Kimley Horn were discussed and how the projects were proceeding and what was the current status.

2. Report: Small Business Administration

Director Barberio stated that she had SBA books but they have all been passed out. The Small Business Administration director will be back in town in the fall to do a presentation. They provided information to Director Barberio on grants for small businesses and other options for businesses. Discussion continued on when to schedule the luncheon for the presentation.

V. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Member Wade adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.