

City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Economic Diversification Commission

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Commission Member Rhonda Wade
Commission Member Keith Thomas
Commission Member Colleen Stephens
Commission Member Susan Love
Commission Member Lee Hart

Excused 1 - Commission Member Grant Uren – Present via phone

Also Present 2 - Sr. Office Assistant Debbie Roberts
Economic Development Director Martha Barberio

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes from September 5, 2018

MOTION: Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Stephens to approve the Economic Diversification Commission regular meeting minutes of September 5, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yeas: 5 - Commission Member Wade, Commission Member Thomas,
Commission Member Stephens, Commission Member Love and
Commission Member Hart

Excused: 1 - Commission Member Uren

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

V. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion Item: Kimley Horn Community Plan Action Committee

Commissioner Wade asked if the Economic Diversification Committee (EDC) had been appointed to the Community Plan Action Committee (CPAC) by Council.

Commissioner Love asked what the CPAC is.

Commissioner Wade stated that it was the first time that she heard that the two committees were going to be combined.

Economic Development Director Martha Barberio explained that the two

committees would be combined and that EDC would not be meeting during that time. She went on to explain the committee along with the ones appointed by council would be part of the CPAC. Since most of the members of the EDC came from diverse backgrounds and businesses Kimley Horn thought it would be a good idea for EDC to be a part of the CPAC. Ms. Barberio stated the CPAC will meet monthly and discuss Planning and Zoning, give input, feedback and work through the process of developing a comprehensive plan that will move Valdez forward for the next 20 to 30 years.

Discussion continued among the Commissioners and Martha pertaining to the roles of the CPAC and the EDC. General consensus among the Commissioners was to be part of the CPAC but not disband the EDC. The Commissioners felt it was important to be the conduit between Martha and Council, and agreed to continue the EDC meetings along with CPAC meetings. Discussion continued among the Commissioners and Ms. Barberio on how to move the EDC forward and common goals that need to be worked on.

Jeremy Talbott Ports and Harbor Director addressed the Commission to discuss the EDC's joint participation with the Waterfront Master Plan and requested that they also be involved in the process along with Parks and Recreation Commissioners. The Commissioners agreed that it was a good idea.

2. Discussion Item: Gravel Extraction

Commissioner Grant Uren discussed the Planning and Zoning meeting he attended regarding gravel extraction. Commissioner Uren then discussed the Rydor property located in the Glacier Stream area and other property located in that area. The discussion between Commissioners pertained to developing the area for housing, new water treatment plant and permits for gravel extraction. Discussion continued on options for gravel extraction and the possibility of having a meeting with Department of Natural Resources, State and City officials that make the decisions on gravel extraction. The purpose would be to get everyone on the same page and understand the rules relating to gravel extraction. It was proposed to get a Gravel Extraction Task Force/Summit if that was possible.

3. Discussion Item: Housing

Ms. Barberio stated that Council had put housing as a priority. She proposed three areas for development Cottonwood Subdivision, Corbin Creek near Mendenhall and Sound View Apartments. Sound view Apartments would like to expand their apartments and Ms. Barberio discussed the issues relating to this. Discussion continued between Commissioners and Ms. Barberio regarding the land that was available and surveys/plats that needed to be done to move forward with housing plans. Incentive possibilities were also discussed as were the possibilities to recover the incentive costs. Seasonal housing was also discussed, along with smaller unit housing options. Compliance issues were also discussed.

IX. REPORTS

X. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wade adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.