

State of Texas
City of Junction
Economic Development Corporation

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* Regular Meeting – April 5, 2016
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The Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation met for its regular monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, 2016, in the City Hall Meeting Room with the following Board members present:

President: Polly Robinson

Vice President: Mindy Supak

Secretary: Carol Neiman

Directors: Ron Fuquay, Nicholas Lumbley, and Michael Townsend. Directors Jean Jacoby and Mike Townsend were absent.

Junction Eagle Reporter James Murr, Kristi Bannowsky, Kerry Sutton were present for the meeting.

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Public Forum: No one wished to speak during the time allotted for the public forum.

Consent Items: Consent items included minutes from both February and March regular meetings. Supak moved that the consent items be approved as presented pending the correction of a typing error in the text of the February minutes. Lumbley seconded the motion to approve and it passed unanimously.

Report on March City Council Meeting regarding options to dissolve the EDC and/or reallocate a portion of sales tax revenue to the City's general fund: Robinson presented a brief report of the Junction City Council discussion regarding this topic at their March 2016 regular meeting. Alderman Blackburn had brought forward some of the potential benefits of such an action, which would require a ballot measure to be voted on by city residents. No action was taken on the question at the meeting, and due to the cost of calling a special election, no change in the status quo is expected through the end of calendar year 2016. Board members were advised, however, to keep in mind that this issue may arise in advance of the next regularly scheduled City elections in May of 2017.

Update on Citizens Institute on Rural Design (CIRD) Grant Application: Carol Neiman reported that the recent application to the Citizens Institute on Rural Design for the EDC and its partners to host a local design workshop was unsuccessful. She also shared feedback from a “debriefing” telephone conversation with the grant administrator regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the application as noted by the panel of experts who reviewed all applications submitted. Strengths included the clarity of vision for the workshop, its wide applicability to other small towns impacted by construction of the Interstate Highway system, and the strength and capacity-building contributions of the partners who signed on with the EDC in support of the application. However, the review panel felt that the stated goals of the workshop were too broad to be achieved in the given 2.5-day time frame, and also expressed concern that outreach methods to involve traditionally marginalized segments of the community were not specific enough. Neiman suggested that in order to build on the efforts made in putting the application together, and continue the conversations begun in that process, that the board look at elements of the proposal that the EDC might be able to implement on its own, perhaps with the help of outside

facilitators. James Murr suggested that the board consider contacting one well known and respected consultant who had previously offered his assistance to the Tourism Board, but at the time that board failed to assemble a quorum for his visit. As part of the general discussion about moving forward, Robinson and City Secretary Kristi Bannowsky shared some highlights of the NAME OF WATER WORKSHOP, and Bannowsky gave the board an update on the ongoing conversations with TxDoT about needed improvements to deal with stormwater drainage.

Tourism Board Report:

Executive Session: Morales met with Doug Haynes and Tessa Schmitzinsky from PEC regarding assistance they can provide in conducting a strategic planning workshop for JTEDC board members this year. A follow-up meeting took place between Scmidtzinsky and Carol Neiman, and copies of prior strategic planning workshops are now collected in the office for review. Albert Rodriguez from the Concho Valley Council of Governments came by for a visit and dropped off a copy of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CERDS) with a request that we make any needed updates for Kimble County. Jason Luna from the USDA came by to share information that might be useful to the City of Junction regarding grants and loans for water infrastructure projects. His contact information was passed along to the Mayor. The State Comptroller's report was completed and submitted online, and reimbursements were made to two advertising & promotion grant recipients.

Junction Texas Tourism Board Report – See board packet or listen to tape.

Meeting adjourned at



Carol Neiman, Secretary

Board Approved