

**State of Texas**  
**City of Junction**  
**Economic Development Corporation**

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\* **Regular Meeting – January 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, January 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, Jean Jacoby, Michael Townsend and Nicholas Lumbley

Office Manager Amber Morales, *Junction Eagle* Reporter James Murr, Alejandro ‘Alex’ Gonzales III, Paul Ramsdell, and Mayor Hammonds were present at the meeting.

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m., and Director Jean Jacoby gave the invocation.

**Public Forum:** No one spoke during the public forum.

**Consent Items:** Jacoby made a motion to remove the financials from the consent items until Robinson and Morales can meet with the City Secretary to answer the questions the Board has about the financials, and approve the minutes and payment of the bills. Supak seconded the motion. After a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Presentation by Belle Laning with Texas Trails Maps:** Twenty-nine surrounding county maps are generated every year, and are rural county specific. The Kimble County Map is stocked in 20 other county Chambers and visitor centers. The maps are very popular and have a long shelf life. Ms. Laning gave the breakdown of the prices for the different size ads. Secretary Neiman made a motion to approve the ad at a cost of \$1,260.00 with Directors Jacoby and Townsend to work with Ms. Laning on the design of the ad. Jacoby seconded the motion. After a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Update on City Sweets Bakery & Café Grant – Alejandro ‘Alex’ Gonzales III:** Mr. Gonzales gave the Board an update on his progress with the Café’s upcoming new location, and status of the loan with First State Bank. The inspection has been completed. The loan was approved, and once the asbestos survey is done Mr. Gonzales can move to close on the real estate loan. An update will be given at the next regular Board meeting.

**Update on Citizens Institute on Rural Design (CIRD) – Carol Neiman:** Neiman was able to make a presentation to City Council on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Neiman has also talked to Texas Tech Representatives, and the Historical Commission looking for potential partners to include with the application. The application deadline is January 12, 2016 @ 11 pm EST. Neiman and Morales will be attending the Commissioners Court meeting and the Chamber of Commerce meeting in the coming weeks. If our application is accepted, CIRD representatives will help us plan a two and a half day workshop which will include a grant from CIRD for \$10,000 for planning the workshop, with the JTEDC matching the grant amount. The match can be in-kind donations of time, catering, rentals, etc. Neiman made a motion to have the JTEDC be the lead applicant to CIRD. Jacoby seconded the motion. After a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Office Managers Report – Amber Morales:** Morales plans an upcoming meeting with the Eden EDC Coordinator Laura Bowden. The first quarterly reporting was received from Paddler’s Porch. Director Lumbley completed his OMA/PIA Training and turned in his course certificates. Four Advertising & Promotion Applicants have completed their work, inspection was completed, and they have been reimbursed. I worked with Carol this month on the CIRD application to include watching two webinars. Morales attended the December Council meeting, and completed and mailed out the December newsletter.

*Eagle Reporter* James Murr asked about the Executive Session the Board was about to have in regards to the grant application received from KIMCO Hotel Group, LP. President Robinson indicated that the Board would be discussing confidential information, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, ***Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations)***. Murr indicated that the application was discussed at the last Council meeting so it has been made public knowledge. President Robinson did confirm who the application was received from; KIMCO Hotel Group, LP, for infrastructure costs in the amount of \$150,000.00.

**Executive Session:** The Board went into Executive Session at 6:29pm, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, ***Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations)***.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:18pm. No action was taken.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.**

  
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Carol Neiman, Secretary