

***VAN EDC Special MEETING &
WORKSHOP Minutes***
MONDAY, September 14, 2015
7:00 PM
at Movie House

Present:

Barbara McMillan
Pat Dixon
Scott Wells
Kathy Brunson
Roger Johnson

Absent:

Tim Perry
Sherri Easley

Audience: Allison Young

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Roll Call and Establish a Quorum by Barbara McMillan at 7:00 PM
- Opening Prayer offered by Pat Dixon
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Barbara McMillan

II. OPEN SESSION

1. **Director's Goals for 2015-16**
 - **Finish downtown with grants to finish working on facades of the buildings.**
 - **Work with investors and help get them and send out packages. Developers to put a retail development on I-20 strip next to the Marriot Hotel.**
 - **Develop a program for Van Park Row Business Park for new businesses.**
 - **City Audit to be completed.**
2. **Reported sales tax. Roger brought information on sales tax on telecommunications. Roger has form to fill out. Will take to City Manager.**
3. **Water issues at I-20 – Gary Traylor to work directly with City of Van.**
4. **Discussion of Water Grants for Van City Lake and its usage. Have Gary have a written proposal for a grant.**

Director's Report

- A. **Update on Park Row Business Park. Will not release until street entrance fixed. Approximate amount still due is \$34,000.**
- B. **Love's Truck Stop – Hotel – Meeting with Kevin McCarthy. Ground breaking Oct 1. Marriott build begins Oct 15. Travel Center build begins Oct 21.**
- C. **Update on downtown antique light poles program. Bid from Chuck Kotlarz is \$12,000 plus. Have bid out for 2 others.**

Goals for 2014-15 reviewed.

- **Leverage the assets of the city, infrastructure, services and funds with State & Federal programs to attract new businesses to Van**

- Assist and support our existing businesses through a Business Retention and Expansion program that will grow Van's economic base.
- Promote, encourage appearance and assist city-wide enhancements and initiatives that improve the Van's quality of place and reinforce a positive image of Van among its citizens, visitors, present and potential employers.

Goals for 2015-16 year.

- Hotel completion and other I-20 business possibilities in 40 acres near it.
- Park Row completion
- Business Recreational Activities at Van City Lake – have Gary Traylor write a proposal to be presented to the City Council.
- Motion was made to accept these goals for 2015-16 fiscal year. Scott Wells seconded.
- Discussion included that when a business comes in, we have to be prepared to help them.
- Stay on Chevron regarding property
- Leverage fund nearly gone. Did not have exact figure.
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ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion made by Pat Dixon and seconded by Kathy Brunson

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Convene in closed session under Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, sections: 551.071 Private consultation with the Board's attorney; 551.072 Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property; 551.073 Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations; 551.074 Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel; 551.076 Considering the deployment, specific, occasions for, or implementation of security, personnel or devices; 551.082.

- Performance Reviews for all Director's were discussed.
- Only Application for vacancy came in was entered Allison Young.
- Motion for Allison Young to replace Dwayne Wheeler was made by Pat Dixon and seconded by Scott Wells.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn was made by Pat Dixon and seconded by Scott Wells.
- Adjourned at 8:45 PM