

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

Albany City Hall, Council Chamber  
1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Thursday, January 7, 2016  
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cheasty at 5:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Charles, Cain, Cheasty, Guhl, Montagh, Sala  
Members absent: Baker

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3-1. December 9, 2015**

Moved by Cain, seconded by Sala to approve the December 9, 2015 Minutes, unanimously approved.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peter Goodman, Arts Committee: encouraged the Committee to consider art as a way to vitalize the commercial district. The Arts Committee is working on a mural program for commercial areas, and is interested in the possibility of utilizing vacant lots for art events. Goodman will confirm with the Arts Committee regarding meeting further with the Committee.

Almaguer will provide the Arts Master Plan to the Committee.

Tod Abbott: encouraged the Committee to include consideration of San Pablo Avenue; announced that Shaun Charles is the new President of the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Almaguer reported that the City will be working on a welcome packet to send to new businesses, and a newsletter that will be sent out twice per year to the commercial sector, and that staff is researching the opportunity to do art/mosaics on city trash cans along Solano and San Pablo Avenues.

**6. PRESENTATION**

**7. DISCUSSIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**7-1. Review of Committee Work Plan**

*Staff recommendation: that the Committee review the work plan, identify priorities and next*

*steps, and whether any subcommittees should be formed to begin conducting research on particular work plan items.*

The Committee reviewed the work plan and discussed possible subcommittees to focus on particular subject areas.

**Motion:**

Moved by Montagh, seconded by Guhl to establish two subcommittees consisting of an immediate opportunities subcommittee, and a long range planning subcommittee. Committee Members Charles, Guhl, Montagh will serve on the immediate term subcommittee; Committee Members Cain, Cheasty and Sala will serve on the long range planning subcommittee.

Unanimously approved.

The Committee agreed to have the subcommittees meet prior to the next meeting and that the subcommittees will further review the work plan to identify tasks for each subcommittee.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The next agenda will include a conversation with members of the Arts Committee regarding art in commercial areas, trash can sponsorship program, reports from subcommittees.

Next meeting: February 4th – 5 pm.

Regular monthly meeting schedule: first Thursday of each month at 5 pm.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.