



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

Albany City Hall, Conference Room/Council Chambers  
1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Thursday, May 5, 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: Cain, Cheasty, Guhl, Montagh, Sala

Members absent: Baker, Charles

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3-1. March 3, 2016**

**3-2. April 7, 2016**

Moved by Cain, seconded by Guhl to approve the minutes from March 3, 2016 and April 7, 2016.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**6. PRESENTATION**

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

**7-1. Art in Commercial Areas**

*Receive presentation by the Arts Committee regarding proposed public art projects and identify opportunities for collaboration.*

Arts Committee Chair Peter Goodman presented information to the Committee regarding art programs included within the Arts Committee Public Arts Project Plan (PAPP). Projects that could involve the Committee include the Mural Program, and the Fall into Haiku program.

Committee support and promotion of the programs would be helpful.

The Committee asked if funds currently allocated to the façade improvement program could be utilized for murals on commercial buildings.

Almaguer will research the matter with the City Attorney.

The Committee expressed general consensus to support the mural program.

**7-2. Informational report and follow up regarding Committee support reported to the City Council on items in General Plan (BART station, shuttle, parking structures, restored height limit on San Pablo Avenue)**

Chair Cheasty provided information regarding the recent City Council meeting regarding adoption of the City's General Plan Update. Cheasty spoke at the meeting on behalf of the Committee to convey the Committee's interest in pursuing a BART station, a shuttle, parking structures, and a restored height limit on San Pablo Avenue.

Almaguer noted that Community Development department staff will return to a Committee meeting in the near future to discuss implementation of the General Plan.

**7-3. Subcommittee Updates**

Receive updates from the subcommittees and identify if the Committee will take any action regarding subcommittee recommendations

a. Immediate Opportunities Subcommittee

The subcommittee met with Community Development Director Melanie Mintz from the City of El Cerrito. Mintz gave an overview of things the City of El Cerrito is doing to encourage economic development, including a form-based code which allows for more flexibility in the planning process.

b. Long Range Planning Subcommittee

The subcommittee did not have a meeting.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

(Committee Member announcement of requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items).

Next meeting: June 2, 5 pm.

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

June Meeting Agenda Topics:

Discussion with BART representatives regarding a BART station in Albany

Future Meeting Agenda Topics:

Consideration of a Farmers Market & subcommittee

General Plan – Implementation Plan, discussion with Community Development

Consideration of an Economic Development Strategy

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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