



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

City Hall Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA

MINUTES

Thursday, February 7, 2019, 5:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Montag at 5:00pm.

Members Present: Committee Member Brown, Committee Member Cain, Committee Member Charles, Committee Member Cheasty, Committee Member Sala, Committee Member Tiedemann, Chair Montag

Members Absent: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 6, 2018

Approved with minor edit.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4-1. Introduction of New Committee Members

New Committee members Brown and Tiedemann introduced themselves to the Committee.

4-2. Mandatory Advisory Body Training: February 25

Claire Griffing provided an update – A mandatory training will be held for all advisory body members on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:30PM-8PM in the Council Chambers.

4-3. Update on 904 Masonic Avenue Mixed Use Project

Christopher Tan provided an update – A mixed use project with ground floor retail or restaurant space and three residential units is scheduled for approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission next week.

4-4. Update on 1175 Solano Avenue (Formerly Cantina Del Sol)

Tan provided an update – Cantina Del Sol closed due to financial reasons, and owners are looking for a daytime food use such as a bakery or café.

4-5. Update on Solano Avenue Compete Streets Planning Process

Griffing provided an update – The draft plan is available and will be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Traffic & Safety Commission this month. Committee Member Cain will attend these meetings and report back.

Public comment was received from Jennifer Hansen-Romero, who said there have been opportunities for public comment and she has been involved in the planning process.

4-6. Update on Council Strategic Planning Process

Griffing provided an update – The Albany City Council is in the process of updating their Strategic Plan.



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5. PRESENTATIONS

5-1. Presentation on Economic Development Strategic Plan Progress

Griffing provided a presentation on plan progress and staff initiatives for 2019.

6. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

6-1. Review 2019-2021 Work Plan

The Committee discussed the draft Work Plan and asked to include the investigation of a business improvement district for maintenance. They established the following subcommittees to work on Work Plan initiatives:

Business Improvement District: Brown, Cheasty
Farmer's Market: Charles, Sala
Marketing & Outreach: Montagh, Tiedemann
Arts Committee Liaison: Brown

6-2. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2019

The Committee unanimously selected Montagh to continue as Chair, and Sala as Vice Chair.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including:

- Subcommittee Updates
- Farmer's Market Presentation
- Presentation on Parking Supply
- Presentation on Legislation to Streamline Housing Projects
- 2019-2021 Work Plan Approval
- Complete Streets Planning Update
- Update on Target
- Information on AT&T Building (to be provided by Committee Member Cain)

8. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 7, 6:11 pm, City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.