

Minutes
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
February 17, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER: 11:08 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Patrick Scherden
Bill Thomas Sr.
Robert Marrufo
Florencio Lopez
Peggy Jelen

ABSENT

Josue Lopez (excused)
Craig Hughes (excused)
Daniel Ortega Sr. (excused)

Others present:

Alma Andrade, City of Douglas
Cristobal Lohr, Consulate of Mexico

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2016

Motion by Bill Thomas Sr. to approve the meeting minutes for January 13, 2016; second by Peggy Jelen. Motion PASSED unanimously.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Florencio Lopez submitted the attached Treasurer's report.

Motion by Robert Marrufo to approve the Treasurer's report; second by Bill Thomas Sr. Motion PASSED unanimously.

5. UPDATE ON THE MERCHANTS FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS

Bill Thomas Sr. provided information pertaining to the Façade improvements presentation. As an additional comment, Bill Thomas Sr. stated that the Board of Realtors Association used all the money IDA allocated for façade improvements and they have used it well.

Moreover, Bill Thomas Sr. stated that the Cowbelles building needs to be painted front and back, but there is an issue with the side wall and the trees. Bill Thomas Sr. commented that Mr. Durazo consent to have the trees removed from this wall, but he wants them planted at this residence, however, the City cannot do that. In addition, Bill Thomas Sr. stated that once the trees are removed and replanted, they die. Furthermore, Bill Thomas Sr. stated that IDA will move away from this project in order to avoid any situation. Bill Thomas Sr. will also let the Cowbelles know about this decision.

As a final comment, Bill Thomas Sr. stated that Mayor Ortega will talk to Mr. Durazo in reference that the city can remove the trees and they will need to be gone, but cannot replant them at his house.

Florencio Lopez commented that the Board of Realtors may come back to the IDA for possible funds in order to continue with projects as they have one more next to the Cowbelles. Florencio Lopez stated that Mr. Enriquez the owner of the Fiesta Café will be allocated the paint for this project and Mr. Enriquez will provide the labor. Moreover, Florencio Lopez stated that Michael Gutierrez might give Mr. Enriquez the monies in order to buy the paint from B&D and have him paint the front area.

Bill Thomas Sr. stated he read the Douglas Dispatch and people are very pleased with the fixing projects going on in the city.

6. DISCUSSION/DECISION PERTAINING TO THE IDA BYLAWS

Alma Andrade, Executive Assistant to IDA provided information about the IDA bylaws indicating that the red insertions were the modified sections and if the Board decided to approve. Mr. Scherden has a final copy for the members' signatures. In addition, Alma Andrade stated that the bylaws were posted the required 10 days.

Motion by Bill Thomas Sr. to approve the IDA bylaws; second by Robert Marrufo. Motion PASSED unanimously.

7. UPDATE PERTAINING TO THE DOUGLAS PORT OF ENTRY

Alma Andrade provided a letter on behalf of the City Manager; such letter was sent February 12, 2016, by the City Manager in response to CBP's letter requesting clarification points pertaining to the City's 559 POE proposal submittal.

Florencio Lopez inquired if the City submitted the 559 Proposal including the Toll fees for crossing.

Alma Andrade stated that the toll fee was included.

Florencio Lopez inquired if the City Council approved the toll fees at the port.

Alma Andrade stated that council members are aware that the city's proposal included the toll fee and they are in agreement and in full support of this submittal.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2016.
- Treasurer's Report
- Update from Tom Allen pertaining to his business proposal for the Rivera building, 357 10th Street.
- Update pertaining to the ADOT U.S.-Mexico Freight Forum in Sahuarita.
- Update on Douglas/Agua Prieta POE

10. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

March 9, 2016

11. ADJOURNMENT: 11:27 a.m.

Prepared by: Alma Andrade, Executive Assistant

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For further information, please call Alma Andrade, City of Douglas at 417-7302.