

CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
Development and Community Services Building
Point of View Room
Thursday, February 14, 2013

A **Regular Meeting** of the ***Economic Development Advisory Board*** of the City of Peoria, Arizona, was convened by Chair, Keith Dines, in open and public session at 9875 N. 85th Avenue, Peoria AZ 85345 at 11:07 a.m.

Members Present: Keith Dines, Mark Hammons, Vonda Culp, Joe Hull, Neil Terry and Michelle Lehman.

Members Absent: Shelley Bade, Geoff Scott.

Municipal Officials Present: Scott Whyte, Economic Development Services Director - Dennis Marks, Building Development Manager - Rebecca Zook, Site Development Manager - Maria Laughner, Business and Real Estate Development Manager - Tamara Overton, Executive Assistant - Paul Zampini, Economic Development Coordinator - Cathy Carlat, Councilmember - Ron Aames, Councilmember - Jon Edwards, Councilmember - Carlo Leone, Councilmember - Briana Decker, Council Assistant - Terri Smith, Council Assistant - Susan Daluddung, Deputy City Manager - Bo Larsen, Office of Communications Manager, Cynthia Odem – Assistant City Attorney.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes:

Approval of minutes from the January 10, 2013 meeting.

Motion was made by Joe Hull, seconded by Mark Hammons to approve minutes. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Self Certification Program Update

Scott Whyte, Economic Development Services Director gave a brief description of the Self Certification Program Concept.

Brad Remp, consultant from Zucker Systems talked about the value of creating a self-certification program in terms of providing another tool for economic development to make the city more competitive. He has interviewed several people and his preliminary conclusion is that the city's process is good and that review times are well within the industry standard. He also spent time with staff at the City of Phoenix to learn how they implemented their program and

how it has been received by the community. He said that usage of their program has been on the rise, but it still only represents less than half of one percent of the permits that are submitted. However, the self-certification program is only one of many tools that might be recommended when his analysis is complete.

3. BioInspire Update

Tom Rainey, BioInspire Director, gave a presentation on the Public-Private Partnership between the City of Peoria, BioAccel and the Plaza Companies.

- Council of Advisors
- BioAccel Technology Commercialization Approach
- BioAccel Portfolio Companies at BioInspire - Peoria

4. EDS Projects Update

Scott Whyte, Economic Development Director gave detailed project updates within the city.

- University Recruitment
- Health Care Recruitment
- Investment Zones
- Old Town Peoria
- Rovey Industrial Park Mega Site
- Plaza del Rio
- Northern Peoria

Reports from Staff:

Board requested City Staff to give a formal update on the Small Business Retention Program.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the *Economic Development Advisory Board*, the meeting was duly adjourned at 12:49p.m.

Keith Dines, Chair

Submitted by: _____
Tamara Overton, Executive Assistant