

CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
Point of View Room
Thursday, March 10, 2011

A **Regular Meeting** of the ***Economic Development Advisory Board*** of the City of Peoria, Arizona, was convened by Vice Chair, Keith Dines, in open and public session at 9875 N. 85th Avenue, Peoria AZ 85345 at 11:38 a.m.

Members Present: Shelley Bade, Keith Dines, Vonda Culp, Geoff Scott, and Mark Hammons.

Members Absent: David Bentler, Jay Cross, and Joe Hull

Municipal Officials Present: Scott Whyte – Economic Development Services Director, Maria Laughner – Business & Real Estate Development Manager, Debbie Pearson – Executive Assistant, Ellen Van Riper – Assistant City Attorney, Cathy Carlat – Council Member, Terri Smith - Council Assistant, Amber Costa – Management Analyst, and Sherine Zaya – Communications Manager.

Others Present: Sonu Munshi (AZ Republic)

CONSENT AGENDA

Disposition of Absence: Discussion and possible action to excuse absent member Geoff Scott from the December 9, 2010 meeting.

Minutes: Approval of minutes from the December 9, 2010 meeting.

Motion was made by Mark Hammons, seconded by Shelley Bade to approve minutes and excuse absences. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:

3R Scott Whyte, EDS Director, gave updates on the EDIS initiative regarding the bioscience incubator. Maria Laughner, BRED Manager, gave a presentation on the bioscience incubator, addressing these items:

- How can Peoria grow jobs?
- Competition for hi-tech industries
- Space issues
- Creating Peoria companies
- 20% of local workforce has healthcare background
- Plaza Del Rio is the largest medical campus in area
- Purpose and economic impact of incubators

- Four incubators in Valley
- Many types of incubators in the U.S.
- Long term success
- Proposed incubator metrics and organizational structure

4R Scott Whyte gave updates on the Economic Development Implementation Strategy including:

- Oct. 2010 Council adoption
- University recruitment
- Investment zones
- Commercial Rehabilitation Program
- Loop 303
- Entertainment District
- Strategic land assembly
- Healthcare
- Website
- Investment conference
- Development forums
- EDIIP
- Business incubator

Reports from Staff:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business to come before the ***Economic Development Advisory Board***, the meeting was duly adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Shelley Bade, Chair

Submitted by: _____
Debbie Pearson, Executive Assistant