

CITY OF MERCED
Economic Development Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Third Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Vice Chairperson Doug FLUETSCH called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Mary Camper, Doug Fluetsch, Christie Hendricks, Vanessa Lara, Steve Roussos, and John Sundgren.

Commissioners Absent: Paul Lundberg (excused), Jeff Pennington (excused) Joe Ramirez (excused) (two vacancies).

Staff Present: City Manager John Bramble, Director of Economic Development Frank Quintero, Development Associate, Maria Mendoza, Development Associate Karen Baker, and Program Coordinator Marcus Tucker.

Others Present: None.

1. MINUTES

M/S CAMPER/ROUSSOS, and carried by unanimous voice vote (two vacancies) to approve the Minutes of April 28, 2015, as submitted.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director of Economic Development Frank QUINTERO stated that the Director's Report would be incorporated into item 4.2.

4. ITEMS

4.1 High Speed Rail Downtown Station Plan Update

Program Coordinator Marcus TUCKER provided an update on the High Speed Rail Downtown Station Plan. Five proposals were evaluated and four firms were interviewed. Opticos Design was ultimately chosen by the Ad Hoc Selection Committee.

4.2 Economic Development Projects Update

Director of Economic Development Frank QUINTERO stated that 2014 was a good year for commercial and industrial investments. Key factors contributing to the recent economic growth include the expansion of existing industries and increased commercial investment. Application was submitted to the City for the 77 acre shopping center on Hwy 99 and Mission Ave. and the Venture Lab partnership between UC Merced, Small Business Development Center and the City, is near completion.

4.3 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

For the Chair

M/S ROUSSOS/HENDRICKS to elect Committee Vice-Chair Vanessa LARA as EDAC Chair.

For the Vice-Chair

M/S ROUSSOS/CAMPER to elect Committee Member Christie Hendricks as EDAC Vice-Chair.

The motions passed by a unanimous voice vote of all members present.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

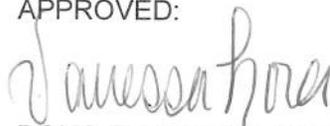
6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chairperson Vanessa LARA adjourned the meeting at 8:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

MARIA MENDOZA, Secretary
Economic Development Advisory Committee

APPROVED:



DOUG FLUETSCH, Chairperson
Economic Development Advisory Committee