

Envision Elgin Thursday May 17, 2017

Called- Called to order at 7:36 am by Amy Miller at ACC Campus Elgin.

Attending- Gena Carter, Bruce Wentworth, Mary Penson, Jason Tatum, Tom Mattis, Sue Brashar, Owen Rock, JD Harkins, Ed Rivers, Patsy Hoffman, Meredith Williams, Jodi Duron, Valerie Reddell, and Amy Miller.

Absent: Forest Dennis absent due to doctor's appointment. Betsy Erwin absent due to medical leave.

Approval of minutes- Gena Carter moves to approve January 18th minutes. Second by Bruce Wentworth, passed unanimously.

Public Comment- None

EDC and future development: Owen Rock presented presentation. Economic Development projects- remember economic development deals with a lot of confidential information. EDC and City Council and Staff must honor confidentiality so we don't lose deals. Topics that are not confidential: Lee Didly Blvd. extension to Prosperity Bank. 400 homes started behind Walmart and will help open up to 140 acres and 80 acres that EDC owns. City approves purchase of 60 acres adjacent to that 80. \$9million in proposed service industry development. Potential \$9.7 million retail. Potential manufacturer \$2 million. Looking forward to an announcement soon related to service provider.

4 residential developments for 2017 – 2018 on County Line Road, Lone Willow 700, The Homestead in planning phases. Eagles Landing 126-starting this year. Scheduled development 51. These are moving forward due to a joint service agreement with Aqua for City to provide water.

Business Park- 2 new office warehouse 5000 sq. ft. each. New County Building open. Road and Bridge moving to a lot in park. New 5000 sq. ft. under construction for Elgin Sprinkler. Proposal under review for 4000 sq. ft. building. Accurate Elastomer building is for sale. Potential buyer related to sustainable agriculture. Commercial Kitchen project to be located downtown possibly in an existing building. Business plan almost finished to provide lease of commercial kitchen, with some co packing. Will not be USDA for meat processing but could in future. This facility would support small business development and offer training and entrepreneur support to grow them into larger space in Elgin. Working with developer on large site development downtown. Tractor Supply is locating in Elgin. Yes, spoken with Whataburger Corporate, they're not looking at Elgin. Economic Development Corporation is developing a formal business retention program to support businesses staying and growing in Elgin. Economic Development Corporation has grants for jobs program \$2500 per new job id job pays at least \$13.50 per hour, positions must retain at least 12 months to 24 months included clawback provisions.

ACC Campus- Notes provided by Sonya Rangel and Amy Miller shared report. Beekeeping classes this summer. Summer session, May 31. New building to open spring 2019.

Bastrop County update- Commissioner Snowden shared updated subdivision regulations. Smithville household hazardous waste disposal events funded by CAPCOG will have facility at their county barn and be open to anyone in the county. County purchased 10,000 sq. ft. in Bastrop business park to hold IT

and Emergency Management a \$4 million project. Bastrop County recreation center at rodeo grounds in planning stages to include 4H and agriculture life \$4 million project. Road Construction Marlin underway in McDade. Organics By Gosh adding composting facility, getting approved by TCEQ. New recreation center under construction at 95N and Elgin Memorial Park.

Education- Dr. Duron reported - Graduation is June 3 at Expo Center. Getting new turf at stadium. Track on 11th Street getting resurfaced. Restrooms at BTW being renovated-resurfaced drive and parking at Administration Building. Elgin Elementary had very old portables, some salvageable but all moved out and will be replaced with new modular buildings. Third grade is meeting at Flex campus. EISD is managing growth with existing facilities. Farm to School grant is helping us develop campus gardens, expose kids to healthy local food and ordering more veggies from local farms.

Promotion and Tourism: Gena Carter reported on Western Days and Juneteenth, new community map/county map, BBQ Trail map being updated, Coop magazine article and National Blogger ads continuing for Bastrop/Elgin/Smithville, Earth Day in Dallas in April and Explore Bastrop County.

Community Projects & Sustainable Growth: Amy Miller reported on Downtown. 104 N. Main Street now leased to Cannon Insurance and 102 North Main is leased to Colorworks salon. 109 N. Main Street is on the market for sale after a long vacancy. Mega grant program has provided \$250,000 since 2015. At \$25, 000 max per building owner must invest at least \$100,000 to qualify. 113 Central Avenue is on the market with full commercial kitchen. new Italian restaurant, Luigi's, FM 1100 sidewalks are in final design phases. Expect construction in the fall. Replacement of water and wastewater lines in eastern alley of Main Street. Elgin Art Studio Tour will be May 20 – 21 with 15 locations and 30 artists.

Announcements- Sue Beckwith shared the groundbreaking details for Mary Christian Burleson homestead. Saturday May 20 at 1 pm at 117 Louise. Patsy Hoffman shared the Library is hosting Michael Dolan book signing on Sunday May 21 at 2 pm with the Elgin Art Studio Tour. Elgin Art Studio Tour Sat.-Sun. May 20-21, Sip, Shop & Stroll Thursday, June 8, Movie Series Thursdays in June at Elgin Memorial Park, Juneteenth Festival June 9-10, Western Days June 20-24.

Next meeting-September 20, 2017

Adjourned at 8:33 am

Approved:

Attest:
