



**CITY OF DALLAS**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St.**  
**Thursday, November 19, 2015 – 12:00 p.m.**

1 **MINUTES - DRAFT**

2 Members Present: Chair Nancy Adams, Mayor Brian Dalton, Bob Brannigan, Jim Fairchild, Kelly  
3 Gabliks, Doris Johnston, Glen Miller, Chelsea Metcalfe, David Parrett, and  
4 LaVonne Wilson.

5 Members Absent: Jackie Lawson, Jim Fowler, Ken Jacroux, Peggy Mehl, Craig Pope, Nancie Rogers

6 Others Present: A.J. Foscoli, Dennis Engle, Gage Martin, Greg Ellis, Brian Green, Jim Williams,  
7 Gene Henshaw, Lynette Henshaw

8 Staff present: City Manager Ron Foggin, Community Development Director Jason Locke,  
9 Planner Suzanne Dufner, and Recording Secretary Margie Pearce.

10 **CALL TO ORDER**

11 Chair Nancy Adams called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

12 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

13 The minutes of the September 17, 2015, Economic Development Commission meeting were accepted as  
14 presented.

15 **COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

16 Suzanne Dufner stated four new businesses were in the process of opening soon

- 17 1. Mission Medical Imaging in Jasper Crossing Mall
- 18 2. Book store on SW Court St
- 19 3. Vape Shop on SW Court St.
- 20 4. West Valley Taphouse on Main St.

21 Ms. Dufner had a list of vacant commercial properties for lease or sale.

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23 **URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT**

24 Jason Locke reported the Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee has been Identifying and  
25 prioritizing their next project. The Committee decided to revitalize Jefferson St.

26 **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

27 Mr. Locke said that American Natural Gas Technology has taken ownership of the TTM Building. There  
28 was a discussion of their product, funding, and future; Northwest Demolition has put the Mill Site back  
29 on the market, and the City is working on a Connect Six grant to upgrade the railroad spur line.

30 **SEDCOR**

31 A.J. Foscoli stated they were supporting the Connect Six grant and were partners in an Emergency  
32 Preparedness Event in Salem next month

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34 **PACIFIC POWER**

35 Doris Johnston stated that this year their Auto Adjustment Rate was flat and there was a small decrease  
36 in the Residential Rate.

37 **DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

38 Brian Green, Assistant Principal for Dallas High School and Principal for Morrison Alternative School gave  
39 a short presentation on the National Career Readiness Certificate program.

40 **CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

41 Glen Miller reported he is trying to get a two year degree program for Building Inspectors on the Dallas  
42 Campus 2016 Fall Curriculum.

43 **DALLAS AREA VISITOR'S CENTER/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

44 Chelsea Metcalfe reported she had been collaborating with MI Chamber and Polk County in various  
45 events to promote Dallas businesses. The businesses themselves were not showing a lot of interest by  
46 the number in attendance at these events. She stated there were several ribbon cuttings in the near  
47 future and Winterfest preparations were in full swing. Ms. Metcalfe relayed that the Fox Theatre had  
48 just reduced their asking price.

49 **DALLAS RETIREMENT VILLAGE**

50 David Parrett reported that construction was on schedule and still set for opening in the Fall of 2016.

51 **SENATOR BOQUIST'S OFFICE**

52 Jim Williams reported that Sen. Boquist has introduced SB938 which has an impact on small business tax  
53 credits.

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55 **PRESENTATION –**

56 Bob Brannigan reviewed the Business and Recruitment Subcommittee report. There were five (5)  
57 recommendations for Retail Businesses:

- 58 1. Leakage Leaders
- 59 2. Buy Local Campaign
- 60 3. Destination Stores
- 61 4. Best Practices for Sustainable Businesses
- 62 5. Establish a Retail Registry

63 And three (3) recommendations for Industrial Businesses:

- 64 1. Attract businesses that can support existing businesses
- 65 2. Best Practices for incubator industries
- 66 3. Establish an Industrial Registry

67 The report also suggested forming a recruitment team consisting of Chamber and City members to  
68 follow up on these recommendations.

69 A discussion followed and Chairwoman Adams asked the subcommittee to think about taking on the  
70 role of Recruitment team.

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72 The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.