



CITY OF DALLAS
Economic Development Commission
Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St.
Thursday, January 18, 2018 - 12:00 p.m.

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MINUTES - DRAFT

- Members Present: Chair Nancy Adams, Bob Brannigan, Mayor Brian Dalton, Jim Fairchild, Kelly Gabliks, Ken Jacroux, Diana Knous, Jackie Lawson, Glen Miller, Craig Pope, and Paul Trahan.
- Members Absent: Jim Fowler, Cheleana Stafflund, David Parrett(EX), Nancie Rogers(EX), and LaVonne Wilson.
- Others Present: Dennis Engle
- Staff present: City Manager Greg Ellis, Economic Development Director AJ Foscoli, and Recording Secretary Margie Pearce.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 20, 2017, Economic Development Commission meeting were accepted as presented.

REPORTS-

- **COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT:** Mr. AJ Foscoli updated the commission on some businesses:
 - Love, Love Terriyaki has their sign up.
 - Grocery Outlet is still moving forward and should have their site design review permit into the office soon.
 - Bank of America will be closing in April, no information as to the plans for the building.
 - There have been inquiries about the Radio Shack building.
- **URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT :** Mr. David Shein reported Request for Projects for the Armory property are ready to be sent out and the Courthouse Urban Renewal sidewalk project is finished except for a little touchups.
- **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT:** Mr. Foscoli stated the Indigo Project is still in the works and Dallas is on the short list. He also handed out the Labor Market Information sheet saying that employment gains were encouraging and construction is leading the way.
- **CHAMBER REPORT:** Mr. JD Shinn shared how last year was all about evaluating what the Chamber was doing and how they were moving events to the Dallas Area Visitors Center which would leave the Chamber to do more education and workshops. He said the theme for this year’s luncheons would be “Dallas is Awesome-Educating thru Small Town Successes.” Stay

35 tuned for some upcoming events through the collaboration of the Downtown Dallas Association,
36 Polk Tourism and the Visitor's Center.

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38 **PRESENTATION** –There was a discussion about the Economic Development Commission centered
39 around two (2) questions:

- 40 ○ Is the EDC an appropriate representation of the community and
- 41 ○ How does it change from a largely report out group to an active entity?

42 Some thoughts were to create a small group to meet with new or perspective businesses, adopt non-
43 vague strategies, create a business registry so we know about new businesses moving into Dallas, and
44 tap into those businesses which are being overlooked, such as construction and home businesses.

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46 **ROUNDTABLE-**

- 47 • Polk County Commissioner Craig Pope talked about the County's bond measure for upgrades to
48 the Courthouse and square and the Clow Corner/Highway 99 roundabout.
- 49 • City Counselor Kelly Gabliks announced that the sub-committee is looking into grants for an
50 incubator program and John Huffman with USDA will be at the next EDC meeting to discuss
51 options as well as David Porter with the US Department of Commerce
- 52 • City Manager Greg Ellis stated the new Planning Manager would be starting on the 19th. Mr.
53 Ellis talked about possibly creating another Urban Renewal Area to help "pretty up" Monmouth
54 Cutoff from Uglow Ave to Godsey Rd.
- 55 • Mr. Dennis Engle shared that Dallas School District received a grant from Polk County Business
56 Development to fund stipends to help 30 students find jobs.
- 57 • Ms. Diana Knous from Pacific Power indicated that in the near future Smart Meters would be
58 replacing the old ones. She said some of the great features included automatic power outage
59 notification, energy usage information, and elimination of meter readers.

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61 The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.