



**CITY OF DALLAS**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Via RingCentral**  
**Thursday, March 25, 2021 - 12:00 PM**

1 **MINUTES**

2 **Members Present:** Rita Grady, Diana Knaus, Bob Tucker, Brandon Schmidgall, Gerard Graveline, Craig Pope

3 **Staff present:** City Manager Brian Latta, City Recorder Sam Kaufmann

4 **Members Excused:** Erik Andersson,

5 **Others:** Mayor Brian Dalton, Peter Cairns

6 **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Graveline called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM

7 **APPROVAL OF 1/28/2021 MINUTES:**

8 It was moved by Brandon Schmidgall to approve the 1/28/2021 meeting minutes. The motion was duly  
9 seconded by Diana Knaus and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Members Rita Grady, Diana Knaus, Bob  
10 Tucker, Brandon Schmidgall, Gerard Graveline, voting YES.

11 **INTRODUCE CHARLIE MITCHELL**

12 Brian Latta introduced Charlie Mitchell as the city's new economic and community development director. Mr.  
13 Mitchell was pleased to meet the Dallas EDC and was eager to start his work for the city.

14 **FORMER MILL SITE**

15 Brian Latta introduced his staff report on the former mill site.

16 It was moved by Rita Grady to recommend the City Council pursue the creation of an urban renewal district  
17 whose boundary would include the former mill site and large portions of industrially zoned properties in  
18 south and southeast Dallas. The motion was duly seconded by Bob Tucker and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0  
19 with Members Rita Grady, Diana Knaus, Bob Tucker, Brandon Schmidgall, Gerard Graveline, voting YES and  
20 Craig Pope abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest.

21 **MINT VALLEY PAPER UPDATE**

22 Brian Latta introduced his staff report on Mint Valley Paper.

23 **RARE PROGRAM**

24 Brian Latta introduced his staff report on the RARE program.

25 Diana Knaus mentioned Pacific Power may be able to provide support for the RARE program.

26 **ADJOURN:** 12:29 PM