



**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022 - 4:00 P.M.
SECOND FLOOR (CMO) CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
910 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4pm with the following members present:

VICE CHAIRMAN BLAISE GUZZETTA
COMMITTEE MEMBER SUSAN ASIMAKIS
COMMITTEE MEMBER DEREK BROWN
COMMITTEE MEMBER PAULINE MOORE
COMMITTEE MEMBER KYLE WINNIE
ASSITANT CITY MANAGER STEVEN RHEA
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUBREY HARBIN

ABSENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANDREA TRABANINO
COMMITTEE MEMBER JUDY WIGGINS

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilmember Sally Branson welcomed new committee member Kyle Winnie.

Winnie introduced himself and explained that he is an entrepreneur and is passionate about participating in business development. His family is establishing roots here in Friendswood. He has a great deal of experience with start up businesses and product development.

Rhea explained that he, Vice Chairman Guzzetta, and Councilmember Branson conducted several interviews to fill the position on the committee vacated by Jennifer Whitley. Once Mr. Winnie was selected as the final candidate, the recommendation was given to the Mayor and the Council for action.

Other committee members introduced themselves and gave Mr. Winnie some information about them.

3. MINUTES

- A Consider approving the minutes of the Community and Economic Development Committee Regular Meeting, held on June 1, 2022.

Motion to approve: Brown

Second: Azimakis

Vote: 4 to 0 (Winnie abstained since he was not in attendance at that meeting)

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

- A Discuss the Community and Economic Development Committee Strategic Plan.

The committee discussed the idea of a collaborative workshop in order to create awareness of how other organizations are supporting Friendswood businesses. To start out, the idea is for two representatives of the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Downtown Friendswood Association (FDFA), and Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation (FDEDC) to attend, along with representatives of CEDC.

Guzzetta and Brown volunteered to attend a FDEDC meeting to pitch the idea and invite a couple of their members to attend the workshop. FDFA and the Chamber are aware of the possibility of the meeting and are willing to participate.

Needs for the meeting include location, time, date, facilitator, and guidelines for conversation. Goals of the meeting would be to establish economic development goals (directly/indirectly) of each organization.

Some helpful reports for the meeting include the leakage report (Community Analyst report that shows the number of Friendswood residents leaving Friendswood for shopping, restaurants, and other services) and a list of types of existing businesses in Friendswood.

5. REPORTS

- A Receive the Staff Business Report.

Harbin presented the businesses that obtained a Certificate of Occupancy recently:

June

Clear Creek Community Church – 4201 FM 528

Ranch Express gas station/convenience store – 2210 S Friendswood Drive

Tropical Smoothie Café – 1720 S Friendswood Drive Suite 110

Pelican Grill – 802 S Friendswood Drive Suite 112

Jennifer Fuehrmann Agency – 316 Morningside Drive Suite 100

Pet Supplies Plus – 1720 S Friendswood Drive Suite 100

Pinnacle Automotive – 4650 FM 2351 Rd #218

July

Samy's Paradise – 3860 Friendswood Link Rd. Suite 103

Southern Fuss – 308 S Friendswood Drive Suite 100

Smoke Drop – 1503 Sunmeadow Blvd.

Aisha's Salon and Spa – 417 E Parkwood Ave

Align Boutique – 122 S Friendswood Drive

A new commercial permit was also issued for the 4-story building located at 1715 S. Friendswood Drive.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:07pm.