



**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023 - 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 4:00 pm with the following members present:

CHAIR SUSAN ASIMAKIS
VICE CHAIRMAN BLAISE GUZZETTA
COMMITTEE MEMBER JUDY WIGGINS
COMMITTEE MEMBER PAULINE MOORE
COMMITTEE MEMBER ANDREA TRABANINO
COMMITTEE MEMBER DEREK BROWN
ASSITANT CITY MANAGER STEVEN RHEA
SECRETARY KRISTINA CUELLAR

ABSENT:

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUBREY HARBIN
COMMITTEE MEMBER KYLE WINNE

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

3. MINUTES

- A Consider approving the minutes of the Community and Economic Development Committee Regular Meeting, held on February 1, 2023.

Motion to approve: Brown

Second: Guzzetta

Vote: 6 to 0 – Minutes Approved

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A Discuss the Community and Economic Development Committee economic development and business retention strategy.

Dan Seal with Bay Area Houston Partnership joined the group and shared his experience as a commercial real estate broker. The committee suggested meeting with Dan a few times a year to stay updated on “trends” in commercial real estate, which would be beneficial.

Asimakis led a group discussion on answers to questions asked by business owners during recent visits. When asked why they chose Friendswood, a common theme among the business owners was that they wanted to work where they lived - the “live here, work here” concept. The answers varied when the business owners were asked how they would describe Friendswood to clients and peers. Wiggins shared her opinion stating that if a business was engaged in the community, the feedback was positive, and if they were not, the feedback was negative. When the business owners were asked what challenges they face, some answers were finding and keeping employees, availability to space, growth, and traffic light sequencing.

5. REPORTS

A Receive the Staff Business Report.

Rhea reported that the February Community Development Building Report would be distributed via email to the Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.