

Community and Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2019

The Friendswood Community and Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 3:30 pm., in the second floor conference room of Friendswood City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas, with the following members present: Chair Skip Evans, Vice Chair Meg Crowley, Blaise Guzzetta, Mike Hickey, Gary Kay, Pauline Moore, and Jennifer Whitley.

Staff members present were Karen Capps, Steven Rhea, and Aubrey Harbin

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

2. Roll call. Roll call was made with a quorum present.

3. Approval of Minutes

Gary Kay made a motion to approve the December 5, 2018 meeting minutes. Meg Crowley seconded, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding:

-Friendswood cares business visits

Gary Kay reported on a business visit that he conducted in December. Staff addressed some concerns that were reported regarding fencing and signage.

-Municipal Grant updates

Karen Capps reported that Virgata Commons' grant was approved by City Council at their meeting on January 7. To date, eleven grants have been approved in the city.

-Downtown Improvement Plan status

Karen Capps reported that the FDEDC is working on a lighting design plan for downtown in keeping with the approved Downtown Improvement Plan. A report on the status of a TIP grant application was provided.

5. Staff report/comments

Karen Capps reported that she attended ICSC Red River States Conference and Deal Making in Fort Worth last week and brought back several leads that she is following up on. A development update was also provided. A copy of the Greater Houston Partnership's Economy at a Glance was provided to members and Karen highlighted a few statistics that were noteworthy about the Houston area economics.

6. Member comments

No comments

7. Liaison reports

None

8. Adjournment

Next meeting will be on February 6, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.