

Community and Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2018

The Friendswood Community and Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 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 Gary Kay, Meg Crowley, Blaise Guzzetta, Mike Hickey, Pauline Moore, and Jennifer Whitley.

Staff member present was Karen Capps.

Absent from the meeting was Skip Evans.

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gary Kay at 3:36 p.m.

2. Roll call and introductions of new members. Roll call was made with a quorum present. There were introductions of new and current members.

3. Approval of Minutes

Meg Crowley made a motion to approve the May 2 and June 6, 2018 meeting minutes. Jennifer Whitley seconded, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

4. Elect Chair and Vice Chair

Blaise Guzzetta made a motion to nominate Skip Evans as Chair. Meg Crowley seconded, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Pauline Moore made a motion to nominate Meg Crowley as Vice Chair. Jennifer Whitley seconded, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding:

-Committee organization and meeting times

The committee discussed the time of CEDC meetings. There was consensus to keep the meeting time at 3:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month.

-Economic Development Policy and Strategic Plan

Gary Kay suggested that the committee start visiting businesses again as part of business retention in the city and suggested that he and Skip Evans do this together. Gary also asked Meg to review how the Broker & Developer Day is marketed to see if there could be better results or attendance.

6. Staff report/comments

Karen Capps reported on rezoning requests that have been submitted. Lary's Florist building was purchased by a resident for a yarn shop business. Friendswood Healthcare Center's rezoning was denied by City Council.

7. Member comments

Meg Crowley reported that the Drinks, Drafts, and Downtowners happy hour will be this Thursday at 5 p.m. at Jado'z Grill House and encouraged everyone to attend.

8. Liaison reports

None present.

9. Adjournment

Next meeting on August 1 at 3:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.