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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2018

Members Present:

Jerry Dinges	Robert Trentman
Ken Sharkey	Robert Allen
Marty Crawford	

Members Excused:

Frank Heiligenstein	Rick Vernier
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Staff Present:

Terry Beach, Director

Others Present:

Charles Lee, PBC Commissioner
Randy Pierce, reporter

Call to Order:

Chairman Sharkey called the Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Regarding the Agenda:

Mr. Sharkey asked if anyone present had a question or comment regarding the agenda. There were none.

Approval of the January 18, 2018 Committee Minutes (action required):

Mr. Sharkey called for action on the January 18, 2018 Committee minutes. Mr. Dinges made the motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business (Director's Report, action required):

Mr. Sharkey asked the Director to give his report. Mr. Beach updated the Committee on department activities and meetings since the January 18, 2018 Committee meeting and other on-going projects. A new lead/prospect is "Project Neptune" which is a Canadian company seeking sites to build a new paper mill or acquire a closed mill to renovate and reopen. Must be rail served and requires 50 acres. Large, industrial project. No response to date from our communities. Mr. Beach stated he has also fielded several enterprise zone inquiries and small business calls.

Meetings: Lunch (February 1) with counterparts from St. Louis County and St. Charles County (Shelia Sweeney and Greg Prestemon) to discuss regionalism and path forward issues and opportunities post Amazon HQ2 announcement; Association of Defense Communities (ADC) annual Installation Innovation Forum was held this year (February 11-14) in San Diego and was attended by both Mr. Beach and Director of Military Affairs John Hughes. Mr. Beach distributed a memo to the Committee regarding this event and a nine slide printed PowerPoint presentation regarding the highlights of the event; Quarterly meeting of the Mid-America Workforce

Innovation Board (February 15); and Belle-Scott Committee monthly social event meeting was held on Base (February 15) and included bowling against teams of Air Force officers.

Social media update: Facebook page had 2,290 Likes and Twitter had 657 Followers (+19).

Mr. Dinges made a motion to accept the Mr. Beach's report and place it on file. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion passed. (A copy of his report is a part of these minutes).

New Business (Airport Director's Report, *information only*):

Airport Director Cantwell did not to attend and he did not provide handouts prior to the meeting. No discussion.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

Additional comments or questions from the Committee or the Public

There were no other comments.

With no other information to discuss Mr. Sharkey asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Crawford made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Trentman. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.