

VALLEY CENTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

1:00 P.M.

(meeting held via Zoom)

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:00 P.M. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Ben Anderson, Chairperson

Ashley Martin

Casey Carlson

Ron Colbert

Tim Hoffman

Randy Jackson

Brian Haight

Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director

Brittney Ortega, Community Development Assistant

Brent Clark, City Administrator

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

Motion was made by Board Member Martin and seconded by Board Member Colbert to approve the meeting minutes for December 1, 2021. Motion was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Residential/Commercial Developments Update

Ryan Shrack shared a brief update on the status of the Cedar Ridge Estates, Arbor Valley, and Trails End subdivisions. Cedar Ridge and Arbor Valley should hopefully start utility construction by early spring. Brent Clark shared an update on the relocation of the Kansas Gas main line along Ford Street in conjunction with the upcoming Ford Street road project.

B. General Discussion

Shrack introduced Brittney Ortega, who is the new Community Development Assistant with the Comm. Dev. Dept. Today is her first day with the City. Board Member Jackson shared an update on the opening of the new Builders FirstSource facility on Meridian Avenue. Materials are being moved in now and staff should start occupying the building around the beginning of February. A grand opening will tentatively take place in April. Board Member Jackson talked about the need to hire additional staff and Clark shared that the City advertises open positions for free on the City's website.

Board Member Hoffman asked what the City is doing to mitigate water rate increases, especially with all the new housing coming online in the coming months. Clark shared with the board that the City is working on constructing a new water treatment plant. A siting study has been done with PEC and is available on the City's website. City staff is working closely with PEC and other partners on design work and eventual construction. The City received approx. \$1.2 million from ARPA that will be used to help fund the new plant.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Board Member Jackson and seconded by Board Member Hoffman to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan W. Shrack, Secretary