

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

A meeting was held of the Indian River County (IRC) Economic Development Council (EDC) on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501 of the County Administration Building B, 1800 27th St., Vero Beach, Florida. Note: You may hear an audio of the meeting and review the agenda and meeting notes on the IRC website - www.ircgov.com/Boards/EDC/2018 .

EDC Members Present

Brian Bauer, CareerSource Research Coast
Peter Robinson, Local Developer
Penny Chandler, IRC Chamber of Commerce
Beth Mitchell, Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce
Linda Kinchen, City of Sebastian
Chad Olson, Local Tourist Industry
Casey Lunceford, Indian River State College
Paul Knapp, Town of Orchid
John Dyer, Local Industry
Bruce Redus, BCC Appointee
Joe Idlette III, Gifford Community
Tim Borden, Real Estate Appointee
Jim Funk, Local Manufacturing Industry
Commissioner Peter D. O'Bryan, District 4, Non-Voting Commission Liaison

EDC Members Absent

Val Zudans, City of Vero Beach (COVB)
Bob Auwaerter, Town of Indian River Shores
Sara Savage, City of Fellsmere
Laura Zorc, School Board of Indian River County
William Penney, Banking Industry
Todd Howder, Member-At-Large
Linda Schlitt-Gonzalez, Member-At-Large
Karl Zimmermann, Member-At-Large
Vacant, Local Citrus Industry

Others Present

Helene Caseltine, IRC Chamber of Commerce
Eric Menger, Vero Beach Regional Airport Manager
Tom Lanahan, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

IRC Staff

Bill Schutt, Senior Economic Development Planner
Sasan Rohan, Chief, Long Range Planning
Tina Cournoyer, Commissioner Assistant, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Bauer called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was noted.

Approval of the EDC Minutes of March 20, 2018

ON MOTION BY Dr. Lunceford, SECONDED BY Ms. Mitchell, the members voted unanimously (13-0) to approve the minutes of March 20, 2018 meeting.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS Plan)--by Mr. Tom Lanahan, Deputy Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Mr. Lanahan used PowerPoint slides and a handout to provide an overview of CEDS. A copy of his slides and the handout are on file in the Commission office. His presentation reviewed that CEDS:

- is updated every 5 years; the current plan was adopted by TCRPC January 2018 and is valid until 2023
- is funded by the US Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- does not include planning & zoning or land use
- members represent 4 counties: Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Palm Beach (the state of Florida is divided into 10 economic regions) and meet every other month
- focuses on 6 pillars, but has added a new one: Resilience
 1. Talent Supply & Education
 2. Innovation & Economic Development
 3. Infrastructure & Growth Leadership
 4. Business Climate & Competitiveness
 5. Civic & Government Systems
 6. Quality of Life and Quality Places
 7. Economic Resiliency

Questions & discussion ensued regarding freight and commuter rail project costs, intermodal logistics center, & septic to sewer conversions.

Mr. Lanahan announced EDA had supplemental appropriation available for disaster recovery planning and recovery projects; there was \$587 million for the entire country. Application can be viewed at www.grants.gov, process. Contact Mr. Lanahan at lanahan@tcrpc.org if you need more information or may be eligible to apply.

Mr. Lanahan also announced Peril of Flood – comprehensive plan language assistance was available for coastal communities.

Discussion Regarding EDC Membership Categories

Commissioner O'Bryan had suggested the EDC member category of "citrus industry" to a broader "agricultural industry." The members in attendance agreed.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Robinson, SECONDED BY Ms. Mitchell, the members voted unanimously (13-0) to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to change the citrus industry membership category to agricultural industry.

Commissioner O'Bryan said he would present the EDC recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for approval of the amendment.

Other EDC matters

Peter Robinson proposed Chairman Bauer sign a letter on behalf of the EDC in support of the technical school expansion grant requests which School District of Indian River County (SDIRC) requested at the April 17, 2018 meeting.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Robinson, SECONDED BY Ms. Mitchell, the members voted unanimously (13-0) to approve Chairman Bauer to sign letters in support of grant funding for the SDIRC technical expansion on behalf of EDC.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned **at 4:48 p.m.**

Next meeting date: May 15, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.