

**MEETING MINUTES OF
THE CITY OF ELOY
DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
3:00 PM
ELOY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Benner called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

- Dick Myers
- Mark Benner
- Isabel Morales
- Betty Peterson

Members Absent:

- Ralph Varela (excused)
- Ex-Officio Joel G. Belloc, Mayor (excused)

Staff/Others Present:

- Jon Vlaming, Community Development Director

III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

IV. MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 10, 2018 MEETING MINUTES OF THE DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMISSION

Chairperson Benner asked for a motion to approve the January 10, 2018 meeting minutes of the Downtown Advisory Commission. Member Myers made the motion to approve the minutes. Member Morales seconded the motion. Chairperson Benner called for the vote and the motion passed 4-0.

V. OLD BUSINESS: POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING.

VI. NEW BUSINESS: POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

i DISCUSS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES TO FILL TWO VACANT COMMISSION POSITIONS THAT END (1/2019) AND (1/2020) AS WELL AS TWO POSITIONS AS ALTERNATES

Chairperson Benner identified that there were several individuals who may be interested in serving on the Board due to the two Board openings that are available and one possible reappointment. These individuals are Miguel Lopez, Encore; Stephanie Blanco, HomeSmart, Bill Miller, Millers Hardware and George Reuter, Firebird Parachutes. He also identified that missing several Board meetings without prior excuse are grounds for expulsion.

ii VACANT BUILDING TOUR DISCUSSION

City Staff inquired of Chairperson Benner if the Commission still wants to hold the Vacant Buildings Tour. If so, he indicated that we need to schedule a time in the near future as the weather will start to heat up and the opportunity won't repeat itself until Fall. Those in attendance discussed and supported the notion to continue with the tour. A couple of conceptual dates were identified, either May 3rd or 4th. Chair Benner indicated he would reach out to others to see what their preference was to gain more attendance at this event.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS:

Chair Benner indicated that he would like Mr. Vlaming to provide an update on the Communications portion of the meeting.

I. UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Mr. Vlaming noted that the update process is proceeding well. He and the consultant held two public meeting opportunities in Phoenix late last month, but attendance was minimal. At this point, all of the modules have been prepared in draft form and Staff is working to get them heard by the Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council. These items include the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and Updated Official Zoning Map. Tentatively, they will be heard at the May P & Z meeting and then tentatively heard by Council in late June, if the Commission recommends approval.

II. UPDATE ON CITY HALL PROJECT

Mr. Vlaming identified that the CD package and final budget were being prepared by the architect and contractor. The budget will be heard by the Council in the next several weeks.

III. UPDATE OF TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Vlaming indicated that this project is now under way, the Consultant is working on the existing conditions and mapping to document the transit environment in Eloy. They are also preparing a survey that will be distributed at key areas in the City for residents to fill out and submit their thoughts on using buses for transportation.

IV. UPDATE ON PROVISION OF FIBER IN DOWNTOWN

Mr. Vlaming noted that the contractor is continuing to lay conduit and wire in the City in their selected corridors. They have indicated that it will be operational in July 2018.

V. DISCUSS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AUCTION OF VACANT CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN DOWNTOWN

Mr. Vlaming shared that the City Council will soon be considering a total of 14 parcels in the Downtown that, if approved, would provide opportunities for residents to buy them back. All of these parcels are vacant currently and have differing zoning designations on them.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chair Benner went around the room to inquire if any of the members had anything to add. Mention was made of the upcoming Safety Fair to be held at Main Street Park on April 14th.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Chairperson Benner asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Peterson moved for a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Member Myers. The motion to adjourn passed 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.