

Office of Economic Development
Economic Development Advisory Board
Banner Simulation Medical Center
525 W. Brown Road
Mesa, AZ 85201

MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 5, 2013 **Time:** 7:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Terry Benelli
James Christiansen
Jeff Pitcher
Tony Siebers
Laura Snow
Jo Wilson
Steve Wood

EX-OFFICIO

Mayor Scott Smith (excused)
Chris Brady (excused)
Brian Campbell (excused)
Jeff Crockett
Sally Harrison
Steve Shope

STAFF PRESENT

Betsy Adams
Bill Jabjiniak

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rich Adams (unexcused)
Mitzi Montoya (unexcused)

GUESTS

Caryn Sanchez

1. Chair's Call To Order

Chair Jeff Crockett called the March 5, 2013 meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Board to order at 7:34 a.m. at the Banner Simulation Medical Center, 525 W. Brown Road, Mesa, AZ 85201.

2. Items from Citizens Present

None.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2013, Board Meeting

Chair Crockett called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 5, 2013.

MOTION: Terry Benelli moved that the minutes from February 5, 2013, be approved.

SECOND: Tony Siebers

DECISION: Passed unanimously.

4. Other Business

Chair Crockett acknowledged and thanked Laura Snow for arranging the tour of the Banner Simulation Medical Center. He introduced Caryn Sanchez from Salt River Project (SRP) and commented what a great partner SRP is to the City of Mesa in various areas and activities.

Mr. William Jabjiniak stated Business to Baseball (B2B) has arrived and encouraged the Board to attend the events as their schedules permit on March 7, Mesa Discover U Weekend the 9th, and Industry Day the 19th.

He announced on March 4 Mesa City Council approved and formalized an agreement with the Oakland Athletics (A's) for a twenty year deal with options for two five-year extensions. The A's will fill the void left at Hohokam Stadium by the departing Chicago Cubs. The Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (ASTA) will contribute \$8.2 mil to help retrofit Hohokam Stadium and improve training facilities for the A's at nearby Fitch Park. The City of Mesa and the A's will share the cost up to \$20 million. Anything over \$20 million and the A's will cover those costs.

March 13 the Ricketts (owners of the Cubs) are holding a media event. Details are being finalized.

Falcon Field Airport Open House is scheduled for March 23 followed by AZLabs Open House on March 26. The Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) is still rocky.

The next Economic Development Reporter newsletter is scheduled to be published on April 1.

Mr. Jabjiniak announced staffing issues have been a problem since the first of the year. Interviews have been conducted for the Marketing/Business Development Manager with a second round scheduled for March 14. Interviews for two Economic Development Specialist positions are scheduled for the middle of March. He announced the two Administrative Support Assistants are retiring beginning with Betsy Adams on May 30 and Sue Cason on June 27.

Mr. Steve Shope commented the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) released two weeks ago the Screening Information Request (SIR). There are seven detailed volumes to the proposals. Also under consideration are 19 potential test sites in Arizona along with five other states under consideration. Arizona is at the top of the list. Hopefully a decision will be reached, at least from the Economic Development component part of the SIR, sometime in mid-April.

Chair Crockett announced the next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

5. Tour of Banner Simulation Medical Center

A tour of the Banner Simulation Medical Center included: a tour of an simulated Emergency Room (ER); Labor and Delivery Room; Operating Room; Intensive Care Unit (ICU); Med/Surgery; and class rooms.

6. Adjournment

Chair Crockett adjourned the Board meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Submitted By:

William J. Jabjiniak
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(Prepared by Betsy Adams)