

**CITY OF WINTER PARK
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

**Regular Meeting
8:00 a.m.**

**September 15, 2015
Chapman Room**

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. in the Chapman Room of City Hall.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Caron, Marc Reicher, Owen Beitsch, Kelly Olinger, John Gill, Steve Flanagan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patrick Chapin, Maura Weiner

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dori Stone, Kyle Dudgeon, Allison McGillis

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

A. Approval of the August 18, 2015 Minutes

Motion made by Marc Reicher, seconded by Kelly Olinger, to approve the August 18, 2015 minutes.

Planning & Community Development Director, Dori Stone, introduced our new Planner, Allison McGillis, and also announced Mr. Dudgeon's promotion to CRA Manager.

ACTION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. 2015 Business Survey Results

Staff reviewed the results with the Board and allowed for feedback and comments. Under strengths and weaknesses the survey found that businesses relatively have good access to their customers and that people do not have any issues locating their business. Aesthetic and Cultural portion showed that 59% of respondents stated that places that look good and feel safe and welcoming provide a strong presence in the market. Parking was not specifically pointed out under the infrastructure portion of the survey. 45% of respondents plan to expand in the near future which means business growth, employee growth, etc. Staff walked the Board through the remaining survey results provided in their packets and discussed the recommendations based on overall survey results.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Notice of Disposal – Progress Point Property

Staff presented new information relating to the Notice of Disposal proposal for Progress Point stating the market value came back at \$5.69M which was a pleasant surprise for the property. Staff briefly discussed the suggested plans that have been brought forth by developers. Mayor Leary would like P&Z to look at the site as though nothing was there and allow them to make recommendations as to what could and should go there. Further discussion took place in relation to possible best uses for the property as well as what type of use may be most viable for the location. The topic will be discussed at the September 22, 2015 P&Z meeting at 12:00 noon.

B. Meeting Time

Mr. Caron proposed a new meeting time of 8:15 a.m. sharp to alleviate Board members waiting outside of the building that does not open until 8:00 .am. New meeting time shall commence at the November 17, 2015 meeting.

Mrs. Stone announced that with there being no pertinent business to discuss at the October 20, 2015 meeting the Staff would like to cancel that meeting and reconvene at the November 17, 2015 meeting. Board Members requested an update on Visioning at the next meeting as well clarification on the role of the EDAB charter and update on Historic Preservation Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

John Caron, Chairperson

Laura Neudorffer, Board Liaison