

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

**Regular Meeting
8:15 a.m.**

**February 20, 2018
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, Kelly Olinger, Wes Naylor, Betsy Gardner-Eckbert, Tara Tedrow

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Pete Muller, Joel Roberts

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Kyle Dudgeon, Kim Breland, Lindsey Hayes and Peter Moore

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

A. Approve minutes from 1-16-18

Motion made by Betsy Gardner-Eckbert, seconded by Kelly Olinger, to approve the 1-16-18 minutes.

Motion passes 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Fiber Optics Update

Budget & Performance Measurement Manager, Peter Moore provide the Board with an update on the Fiber Optics Project. He explained that in the past there had been discussion amongst Staff about putting fiber optic conduit in the ground anytime there was work being done for the electrical undergrounding effort and over the past year spare conduit has been placed throughout the city anytime there has been any undergrounding work. Mr. Moore presented a map of the City, outlining the fiber optic and utility underground program. He noted that most of the City already has undergrounded electric, but the City makes every effort to not tear up the ground during this effort more than necessary.

Mr. Moore discussed the different phases for the fiber optics task force efforts. He discussed financial reasons behind the effort, smart city solutions, smart lighting, traffic efficiency, linking vital services such as Fire and Police departments, hospitals, water and retail services to create a more robust solution for the City. He explained that this year the first phase of the project is to link the City's water plants to the network. He stated that the plants are located around the extremities of the City permitting for lines to be run in the Commercial corridors which allows for future fiber optic expansion.

Mr. Moore explained that Magellan Consulting Group provided the initial analysis, weighing the pros and cons of the project. He talked about the case studies provided which looked at other cities/municipal areas and how they implemented fiber optics. Mr. Moore remarked that after getting budget approval for the water plant project, Staff spent the last three months working on a public solicitation (Invitation to Negotiate (ITN)) which will be advertised before the end of February. Discussion ensued.

B. Economic Development Plan Monthly Report

Staff provided an update on mobility issues and parking and corridor analysis.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. There were no action items

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Chamber Update

Betsy Gardner-Eckbert introduced Brock Terwilleger and explained that his focus at the Chamber will be on legislative tracking and monitoring at the local and state level. She noted that she is excited that month at the next board meeting, the Chamber will start their focus on tourism with the intention of the Chamber to commission a tourism task force.

Mr. Terwilliger gave a brief background of what his responsibilities will be at the Chamber. He stated that he will be the main liaison with PAMA, heading the membership program and strategic initiatives related to government affairs.

Mr. Dudgeon stated to the board Peter Mueller has submitted a letter of resignation to the board.

Next meeting scheduled for March 20, 2018

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

John Caron, Chairperson

Laura Neudorffer, Board Liaison