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Kuna Economic Development Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, July 6, 2017

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Mayor Stear opened the meeting at 12:02 pm. Stear asked for the agenda to be amended to include Valley Regional Transit update to the transit survey. Committee Member Smith made a motion and it was seconded by Committee Member Bachman to amend the agenda as stated.

1. Discussion on the Kuna City Council's response regarding an Economic Development Specialist and the proposed budget.

Mayor Stear updated the committee as to the City Council's response to the Economic Development Specialist stating that they were in favor of hiring a full-time economic development professional.

Committee Member Smith stated that he felt the City Council was supportive of the full-time Economic Development position and he felt like it went well with City Council.

Mayor Stear explained that since Mountain Home's population is probably the closest to Kuna's population, the budget was derived mostly from the budget that Mountain Home provided us but scaled back from their budget.

2. Review of the job description for an Economic Development Specialist.

Mayor Stear requested feedback on the job description for the Economic Development position.

Committee Member Bachman gave Planning and Zoning Director Wendy Howell suggested edits.

Committee Member Schroll suggested that the economic development person not write grants or raise funds. Schroll said that Commerce can help with training the new economic development person. He stated that the State of Idaho is working hard on business retention and expansion. Schroll said that the State has resources available for workforce development needs.

3. Agenda Amended to include: Update from Kelli Badesheim with VRT

Kelli Badesheim from Valley Regional Transit went over the results from the Kuna Transportation Needs Survey.

Stephen Hunt from Valley Regional Transit discussed the Service Network Map that integrates Kuna's needs with the region such as the connection to Meridian City, Chinden Boulevard, and Boise City. Hunt said they want to improve network integration to connect back to the developments. Kuna's survey shows travel times throughout the day but not typical peak times which is in the morning and evening. Hunt tried to show what happens when there's a complete transit route. Hunt stated that the survey went through Peach Jar, the school system, City of Kuna, and social media. Valley Regional Transit is looking for additional funding and needs to look at their plan regionally not from a local view.

Mayor Stear thanked everyone for their help and commitment.

Adjournment: 1:01 PM