

Committee Members

Mayor Joe Stear	Mike Smith
Lisa Bachman	Blake Watson
David Gronbeck	Vacant
Ana Paz	City Staff:
Julie Roberts	Wendy Howell
Randy Shroll	Chris Engels



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Kuna City Hall Conference Room, 751 W 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634

Kuna Economic Development Committee MINUTES

Thursday, May 4, 2017

12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

1. Discussion on an Economic Development person.

Mayor Stear suggested the City hire an Economic Development person for either a part time or full time role. This person could research locations and available services for commercial growth.

Committee Member Gronbeck supported the idea.

Committee Member Bachman suggested the person work towards long term financing, work with the businesses downtown for funding in BID, historic preservation, and research funding along with Mayor Stear's thoughts.

The Committee discussed making it a full time position versus a half time position for Economic Development and to do other duties such as property research.

Committee Member Roberts said the job would be as good as the person made it.

Mayor Stear agreed.

Committee Member Gronbeck added Mountain Home had two full time people and were very busy. Their directors were very helpful and accommodating.

The Committee wanted to move forward with an Economic Development position.

2. Discussion on budget for the next fiscal year.

Mayor Stear asked what the Committee had in mind for the budget for the next fiscal year.

Committee Member Bachman asked about projects and budget ideas.

Mayor Stear mentioned funds would be needed by an Economic Development person.

Committee Member Bachman discussed a façade program.

Planning & Zoning Director Wendy Howell would talk to Mountain Home about their budget.

Committee Member Bachman asked if a general amount could be requested and the Economic Development person develop a line item budget.

Mayor Stear agreed.

Committee Member Roberts suggested a budget sample be part of the hiring criteria.

3. *Review Hotel Specific Feasibility Study and Cobblestone.*

Mayor Stear shared his concern about finding investors for a hotel.

Committee Member Bachman agreed with Mayor Stear and thought it could be something an Economic Development person worked towards.

Committee Member Gronbeck suggested doing a general feasibility study instead of a specific study. If it came back positive outside investors would come forward.

Mayor Stear wanted to wait until the City was ready for it.

The Committee agreed.

Agenda Amended to include:

4. *Update from Kelli Badesheim with VRT*

VRT's Kelli Badesheim reviewed the survey results and survey comments. The survey confirmed the data they had. The Senior Center was an asset. In regards to the need for transportation 50% said it was very important. The next steps would be developing maps and strategy, Senior Center transportation, work transportation, and youth transportation.

Mayor Stear stated destination was key to understanding needs.

The Committee discussed how to reach out to the public.

Ms. Badesheim wanted to come to the next committee meeting to give the next update and would have a final survey in July.

Mayor Stear shared that Sue Oswald had resigned from the Committee.

The Committee discussed the Chamber and memberships.

Adjournment: 1:01 PM