
EDC

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: _Jan 13, 2012

Meeting Location: [Conference Room of the Balcony Office Suites](#)

Approval: [Final](#)

Recorded By: [Joshua Buster Member EDC](#)

1 ATTENDANCE

Commissioners	Title	Organization	Present
Tom Douglas	Chairman	EDC	Yes
Joshua Buster	Secretary	EDC	Yes
John O'Brien	Member	EDC	Yes
Robin Young	Member	EDC	No
John Burke	Member	EDC	No
Karen Ekblad	Member	EDC	No
Tamara Jarolimek	Member	EDC	Yes
Liaisons	Title	Organization	Present
Ed Bruder	Liaison	BoT	Yes
LaVern Johnson	Liaison	Parks and rec.	Yes
Neil Sullivan	Liaison	PCDC	No
Coco Gordon	Liaison	Sustainability	Yes
Jacque Watson	Liaison	Town staff	Yes
Others	Title	Organization	Present
Victoria Simonsen	Town administrator	Town of Lyons	No
Julie VanDomelen	Mayor	Town of Lyons	Yes
Community Members		Organization	Present

2 MEETING LOCATION

Conference Room of the Balcony Office Suites

3 MEETING START

Meeting Schedule Start: 8:45

Meeting Actual Start: **9:00**

Meeting Scribe: Joshua Buster

4 AGENDA

- **1. Approve minutes of Dec. 16, 2011 meeting**
 - Approved as submitted
- **2. Review of Gateway Corridor Subcommittee.**
 - Final meeting has occurred and the recommendation was unanimous.
- **3. Discussion of Design standards.**
 - We discussed the need to get all the commissions together to work on these as they were basically copied which provided a good framework, but

resulted in a number of items and sections that seemed to not fit with the town of Lyons. Ed Bruder asked how the business community could be brought in to the discussion as they are the folks that will need to live with the results.

- **4: Marketing Subcommittee.**

- Neil Sullivan is leading this effort.
- He and John Burke are working with Mary Huron to create a marketing plan for the town.
- Joshua expressed that this was an area he was strongly in support of and would like to be involved as much as possible.

- **5: Special tax district.**

- Jacque discussed the Golden Urban renewal District.
 - The tax base was 1/3 sales tax, 2/3 Property tax.
 - Mixed use is being looked on in a very positive way by banks as they feel that diversity results in stability.
 - Jacque felt that there was a need to figure out exactly what is wanted and needed from a special tax district.
 - Joshua felt that the best way to develop that list was a Saturday meeting with all affected parties invited.
 - It was expressed that the EDC should form a basic list as a place to start the discussion and that fast action is needed to get the tax district on the November ballot.
 - A subcommittee could be formed to be the real driving force behind this.
 - A tentative meeting for February 4th was set with the EDC to draw up a preliminary list to be formed on Jan. 27th
 - 9:00 to Noon as a time.

- **6: 5 acre annexation plan.**

- The basic question is should the move to eliminate the requirement for a vote on annexations over 5 acres be put to a vote or should the BOT simply remove it.
- The EDC felt that the April ballot was too soon and that there would not be time for education to counter the many questions that would occur and that without the time to do education there would be a high risk of defeat which would continue to discourage large annexations into Lyons.
- The end feeling was that a Public meeting in front of the PCDC could show public sentiment. We will make a recommendation at the next meeting so that the BOT can hear our feelings before their Jan. 30th meeting.

- **Adjourn meeting**

5 MEETING END

Meeting Schedule End: 10:30 A.M.

Meeting Actual End: **10:49 A.M.**

6 POST MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Action	Assigned To	Deadline

7 DECISIONS MADE

A: Next Meeting

Next Meeting: Conference Room at Balcony Office Suites [January 27 at 8:45 a.m.](#)