



Western Maricopa Enterprise Zone

Minutes

Commission Meeting

September 30, 2004

Avondale City Hall

Attendance:

Vice Mayor Dick Sousa, City of Goodyear
Mayor Fred Waterman, City of El Mirage
Council Member Claude Mattox, City of Phoenix
BJ Cornwall, City of El Mirage
Mark Fooks, Town of Youngtown
Vice Mayor Betty Lynch, City of Avondale
Council Member Joyce Clark, City of Glendale
Vicki Hunt, City of Peoria
Council Member Danny Arismendez, City of Surprise
Carl Antone, Gila River Indian Community
Tiffany Frechette, Arizona Department of Commerce

TAG:

Joanne Barker, City of Glendale
Rachel Burke, City of Avondale

STAFF:

Jack Lunsford, WESTMARC
Loriann Maxwell, WESTMARC

Vice Chair Dick Sousa called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. with introductions.

It was discussed and unanimously approved, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Western Maricopa Enterprise Zone, that Vice Chair Dick Sousa assume the role of Commission Chair, vacated by former Mayor Robert Robles, and that he finish the remainder of Mayor Robles' term as Commission Chair, as well as serve an additional term in this capacity.

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A motion was made by Joyce Clark and seconded by Vicki Hunt to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2003 meeting. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the commission.

Standing Reports:

- **Technical Advisory Group Report:**

TAG Chair BJ Cornwall reported that the majority of the TAG meeting focused on bylaws, which have been brought forward for approval by the Commission. Jack Lunsford reported that TAG also reviewed status reports on commitments made by member jurisdictions to market or promote the WMEZ.

- **Department of Commerce Update:** Tiffany Frechette reported that HB2045 has been partially approved. There was an error in drafting the restriction of retail. The legislative changes were prompted by the fact that legislative changes were made in 2002 restricting business retail activities to no more than 10%. This year, the legislation has been amended to return to its original status. The introduction of a six month reporting deadline has slowed the applications for Enterprise Zone benefits.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Betty Lynch reported that to date, all money due from the County has been collected. Only one outstanding invoice remains, from Gila River Indian Community.

Old Business:

- **Adoption of Amended Bylaws:** It was recommended that section VIII F be modified to read, "...and furnish necessary input to the Commission at the direction of the Chair, ..."
 - **A motion was made by Betty Lynch and seconded by Joyce Clark to approve the the Bylaws as amended. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the Commission.**
 - Commission members asked that the minutes reflect Loriann Maxwell's work with respect to the revision of the WMEZ Bylaws.
- **Election of Commission Officers:**

Betty Lynch was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair. Joyce Clark seconded the nomination and Betty Lynch was elected Vice Chair of the WMEZ Commission by unanimous vote.

Joyce Clark was nominated to serve as Treasurer. Claude Mattox seconded the nomination and Joyce Clark was elected Treasurer of the WMEZ Commission by unanimous vote.
- **Other:**
 - Marketing Materials – The Department of Commerce has an electronic version of their informational brochure regarding the Enterprise Zone program available for use. Each member jurisdiction provided a brief report regarding their Enterprise Zone activities for the past six months. Claude Mattox requested that each member jurisdiction be prepared to present information on what they are doing to market/promote the Enterprise Zone program in their cities/towns.

- TAG – Consensus was reached to have all TAG meeting minutes be official minutes, and that they be distributed to all members. It was also discussed that due to the nature of the January 20, 2005 meeting (tours, etc.) the TAG meeting will be held in conjunction with the Commission meeting.
- Jack Lunsford reported that WESTMARC would be holding a West Valley Economic Forecast event in late January-early February 2005.

Call to the Public: No members of the public were present.

Next Meeting Scheduled: January 20, 2005, 10:30 a.m., Gila River Indian Community, Wild Horse Pass Resort. Internet access will be available so that Commission members will be able to view each member jurisdictions web sites regarding the Enterprise Zone program. A tour will be available after the meeting for those who wish to attend. The tour is expected to last about an hour.

Adjournment: Betty Lynch made a motion to adjourn. Joyce Clark seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.