



Blue Lake Economic Development Commission Agenda

Regular Meeting – Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Skinner Store-111 Greenwood Road (Behind City Hall)

Unless Otherwise Noted, All Items on the Agenda Are Subject to Action

1. Establish a Quorum of the Commission
2. Motion to Approve Agenda
3. Public Input – *The Public is invited to present petitions, make announcements, or provide other information to the Commission that is relevant to the scope of authority of the City of Blue Lake that is not on the Agenda. The Commission may provide up to 15 minutes for this public input session. To assure that each individual presentation is heard, the Commission may uniformly impose time limitations of 3 minutes to each individual presentation. The public will be given the opportunity to address items that are on the agenda at the time the Commission takes up each specific agenda item.*
4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings-Discussion/Action
5. Blue Lake Grocery/Mercantile Store Development-Discussion
6. Discussion on Downtown Vacancies and Under-Utilized Retail/Commercial Properties-Discussion/Action
7. Powers Creek District Development Update-Discussion
 - a. RV Park and Campground
 - b. Baduwa't Community Project
 - c. Northern Side of Taylor Way Masterplan and Parcel Subdivision
 - d. Taylor Way Masterplan and Road Improvements
 - e. Powers Creek Restoration Project Update
8. Chamber of Commerce Report
9. City Manager and Staff Report
10. Announcements
11. Future Agenda Items
12. Motion to Adjourn

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BLUE LAKE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 4:30
Skinner Store – 111 Greenwood Road

Unless Otherwise Noted, All items on the Agenda are subject to Action.

1. **Establish a Quorum of the Commission** at 4:37 pm.

Commissioners Present: Roxanne Rothery, Cindy Trobitz-Thomas, Darcey Lima and Kelli Costa

Commissioners Absent: Jake Hussin

Staff Present: City Manager Mandy Mager and Parks and Recreation Director Emily Wood,

Others Present: Julianna McGill Christie, Jean Rae Lynch, Kent Sawatzky and Justin Noyb

2. **Motion to Approve Agenda with Tabling June 2023 Minutes**

Motion: Costa

Second: Trobitz-Thomas

3. **Public Input.** No Public Input

4. **Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings.** Tabled to September Commission meeting.

5. **Introduction of New Commission Member.** Kelli Costa was introduced as the newest Commissioner. Her husband's family (Costa) has been involved in Blue Lake for over 100 years and she has extensive business experience. She has also been a Board Member of the Blue Lake Museum for over 10 years.

6. **City of Blue Lake Gateway Sign Discussion** City Manager Mager provided the following update:
✓ City Staff requested public input for design for the gateway sign. No proposals were received. Staff will reach out to local artists to solicit concepts/designs. The sign will direct people to Blue Lake proper. The City will also work with the school for design and placement approval.

7. **Powers Creek District Development Discussion and Business Outreach** City Manager Mager provided the following update:

- a. RV Park and Campground Update and Review of Investment Book ~ Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant funded project is coming to an end. A draft of "Camp at Blue Lake", prepared by Storyland, was shared with the Commission as a power point presentation. A high end RV park is proposed to be located on the 20 acre power plant, adjacent to the river. The useful life of the power plant is at an end and offers an opportunity to repurpose the site. Once the Investment Book is completed it will be sent to prospective investors/developers.

Public Comment:

Sawatzky commented his concerns on the project feasibility and suggested placing all presentations on the City website along with all public comments. Transparency is important to all proposed projects.

Lynch commented on her experiences in Oregon and questioned what are the experiences offered here? Oregon has Crater Lake which is a strong draw.

Julie Christie commented on the need to break the proposal into smaller segments for special town hall meetings to get community input. Supports additional equestrian accommodations such as the Corning arena.

- b. Baduwa't Community Project Update and Site Review ~ City Manager Mager provided a power point update and overview of the proposed mixed use project (Danco). The Master Plan is on the City website.
- c. Northern Side of Taylor Way Masterplan and Parcel Subdivision ~ City Manager Mager provided a power point update and overview Masterplan and proposed subdivision.
- d. Taylor Way Masterplan Discussion and Update ~ Discussed in the above items.

Public Comment:

Sawatzky expressed his support of the Opportunity Zone, especially the live work concept. Likes the roundabout at the end of Taylor Way, but does not address the safety issues adequately. Concerned about the project's location in the flood plain and the status of the levee.

Christie agreed with Kent's concern about the levee.

8. Chamber of Commerce Report ~ Chamber Vice President Wood provided the following update:

- The September Chamber Mixer is scheduled to be held in Camp Bauer hosted by Green Diamond.
- The Chamber is working on defining the core values of businesses in Blue Lake. What services do businesses need the Chamber to provide. The Chamber is meeting with businesses to solicit input.
- Continuing to maintain the Blue Lake welcome sign.
- Discussing street banners as an enhancement in Blue Lake.

Public Comment:

Sawatzky suggested the City support the Chamber and noted, Michael Fields Chair of the Headwaters Board and there could be some funding opportunities.

9. City Manager and Staff Report ~ City Manager Mager and Parks and Recreation Director Wood provided the following updates:

a. Sunday Market Report

The Sunday Market was not well attended this year. Looking at ways to improve. Move to later in the season and add addition complimentary events.

b. Parks and Recreation Update

In addition to ongoing recreation activities, a major sound upgrade is happening at Prasch Hall which will encourage more musical performances and uses. Working with coordinating with other organizations on planned and upcoming events

10. Announcements

- Next Regular Meetings are September 12th, October 10th (2nd Tuesday 4:30 Skinner Store).
- Regular City Council Meeting –August 22, (4th Tuesday 6:30 pm -Skinner Store)
- Grange Breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of the Month
- Blue Lake Museum open Saturday and Sunday 1 to 4 pm.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Chamber of Commerce Report
- Event Calendar
- City Manager and Staff Report, Project List Updates and Discussion

12. Motion to Adjourn at 6:44 PM

Motion: Lima

Second: Costa

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