

GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES: May 26, 2016

DIRECTORS

PRESENT: Frank Rascon, Chair
Michael Reed, Vice Chair - Teleconference
William Gresser
Gary Magrino
Matias Rosales – Teleconference

DIRECTORS

ABSENT: Tony Reyes

EX-OFFICIO (Non-voting)

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Michael Jones, ADOT
Randy Nelson, AWC

OTHERS

PRESENT: Linda Matthias, GYPA Administrator
Wayne Benesch, Legal Counsel
Susan Thorpe, Administrator, Yuma County
Jenny Torres, City of San Luis
Russell McCloud, Yuma County
Gary Knight, City of Yuma
Tim Eisenman
Rod Sebree, SLCOM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Frank Rascon. The meeting was held at Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation Conference Room, 899 E. Plaza Circle, Suite 2, Yuma, Arizona

2. ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APEIL 28, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION: Gary Magrino moved to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2016 regular meeting as presented.

SECOND: Bill Gresser

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Administrator Linda Matthias reported on the GYPA current financial activity/status. Activities included:

- Review of current correspondence
- Financial review to date with status on Magrino Industrial Park closing/reconciling construction costs

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Frank Rascon presented a review of recent, ongoing activities relating to the Magrino Industrial Park development including a status of the discussions with the City of San Luis Community Development Department pertaining to the perimeter wall. He announced the resignation of Linda Matthias as Independent Contractor for administrative duties of GYPA. He stated that at the end of her current contract she will continue on a month-to-month basis until the Board determines the scope of how and where to manage business of the Board.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUIRED BLOCK WALL ON NORTH PERIMETER OF MAGRINO INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY. THIS ITEM MAY INCLUDE FUNDING OPTIONS.

Frank Rascon reported the City of San Luis maintains their offer to allow an extension of time for construction of the wall providing they will not issue any building permits until the wall is completed and signed off on.

It had been discussed at prior GYPA business meetings the possible need for proportionate financial assistance from each of the member entities for the cost of construction. It was noted that after review of the financial status of GYPA following the reconciliation of all construction costs that assistance should not be necessary.

MOTION: Gary Magrino moved to finance the cost of the required perimeter block wall with GYPA funds.

SECOND: Michael Reed

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RNEW GYPA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE ARIZONA-MEXICO COMMISSION.

This item carried over

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT AN ADHOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW RENEWAL OF COCOPAH INDIAN TRIBE LOAN TO GYPA.

Wayne Benesch, GYPA Legal Counsel briefed the Board on the terms of the loan between GYPA and the Cocopah Indian Tribe. There have been interest only payments made to the Cocopah, most recent being funds from escrow of the recent property sale to San Luis Commercial

Operators Management (SLCOM). The term of the loan, February 2017 is approaching and can be renegotiated once. An ADHOC committee of one representative from each of the member entities was agreed to in general discussion. The Chair appointed Matias Rosales (City of San Luis), Tony Reyes (Yuma County) and Gary Magrino (Cocopah Indian Tribe). Counsel noted that due to the nature of the committee's task there would be no conflict of interest with the Cocopah Indian Tribe's GYPA member representative.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE A WORKING RETREAT FOR BOARD MEMBERS GOAL PLANNING.

With general discussion the Board members agreed on the value of this activity and set a workshop/retreat event for Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The site would be the Cocopah Resort Hotel. It was further agreed the June Regular Business Meeting would be held following adjournment of the workshop. Gary Magrino offered to arrange the site reservations.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE GYPA FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 ANNUAL BUDGET

Item Carried Over

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ELECTION OF GYPA OFFICERS, CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Item Carried Over

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION WITH REVIEW OF THE GYPA BILAWS.

Item Carried Over

12. CALL TO PUBLIC

Meeting attendees were invited to comment on items that would be informative or beneficial.

13. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Executive Board, with motion and second the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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FRANK RASCON, Chair

ATTEST:

Linda Matthias
GYPA Administrator