

Notice of Regular Board Meeting
Of the
Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation

The Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation will meet in a Regular Board meeting in the Gun Barrel City Council Chambers located at 1720 West Main Street, Gun Barrel City, Texas, 75156 on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

[Board Chair - Steven Schiff: Present](#)

[Board Member - Keith Butler: Present](#)

[Board Member - Gary Damiano: Present](#)

[Board Member - Megan Lindaman: Present](#)

[Board Member - Jim Osborne: Present](#)

[Board Member - Holland Whitten: Present](#)

[Board Member - Michael Slingerlan: Present](#)

We have a quorum

Board President Commentary (Schiff)

Update(s)

Big Chief:

* Closing of the Big Chief Property on 2/3/16.

* No asbestos showed up at Big Chief, this is good news. We have found a lower bid for the asbestos testing at \$1200 which is a large savings (savings of \$3,600 vs. original bid).

* Demo is scheduled 2/10/16.

* Looking for donations for picnic area.

* Will be running a contest for the renaming of Big Chief, through our facebook page. Megan will handle the details.

Skate Park:

* Design is finalized, Geo Tech is complete, and Ground survey is complete.

* After a successful presentation, The Rotary Club has elected to make a donation of \$10,000 to the EDC for landscaping and park benches.

* Kids advisory Board Meeting update.

EDC Training Event:

* Combination of City Council and EDC Board Members attended the Texas A & M University Extension Services Program. Certificates were handed out to attending members.

Cameras-Project "Watchful Eye": update

Heritage Cove Lighting Project:

* Trenches and conduit completed

* Lights will be within the next 30 days

Recognition Awards:

Awards were handed out to each of the Board Members in appreciation for the Boards continued hard work and teamwork in getting things accomplished for the betterment of the city. Each was awarded with a Certificate of Excellence.

Citizen Presentations: (Limited to 3 Minutes)

This item provides the opportunity for citizens to address the EDC Board of Directors on any matter whether or not it's posted on the agenda. However, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.041, the EDC Board of Directors cannot discuss, deliberate, or take action on matters not listed on the agenda. At this time the Board will receive citizen comments, and if necessary, may refer the matter to EDC staff for research, resolution or referral to the EDC Board on a future agenda.

Charla Miller: Mother of one of the youth in the audience, spoke about the safety the bike park would bring for the kids vs. riding around the neighborhoods.

Kobey Nichols: Spoke about his passion for riding bikes and that he and his friends would love to have a bike park. That would be somewhere safe for them to go and use their current skills and work on improving them.

Eban Hagar: Spoke about how he loves to ride and he (himself) would feel safer having a bike park.

All speakers are from the Harbor Point subdivision.

Item #1. Discuss and/or take action to approve the EDC Meeting minutes of January 12, 2016. (Schiff)

Osborne: Made a motion to approve the EDC minutes for January 12, 2016.

Butler: Second the motion.

All agree and motion is passed.

Item #2. Discuss and/or take action to approve the EDC December 2015 Financials. (Schiff)

Damiano: Made a motion to approve the EDC December 2015 Financials.

Whitten: Second the motion.

All agree and motion passes.

Item #3. Discuss and/or take action to review information relating to a possible new EDC project called "Project Bike Park". (Schiff, Damiano, Yarbrough)

Schiff: Video was played showing where kids are riding locally. Discussion about making this a new EDC project and donate the time to look into. Let's get more community involvement and get citizens out of their houses. Discussion continued and was determined to look into a three phase approach to the area where the skate park was going to be built. Skate park, possible bike park, and a possible splash pad. Would really like to see the city become more bike friendly and look at that as an objective as well.

Damiano: Made a motion that we establish a new project called "Project Bike Park" to take a look at the feasibility, the cost and anything else related to creating this bike park, and bringing it back to the EDC and taking it from there.

Osborne: Second the motion.

Schiff: We also need to take a look at the cost and bring this to the City Council. Bring in other city services like the street and recreation department to make sure we are doing the right thing for the kid's long term.

Butler: Let's do the same thing that we did for the skate park. Let's invite the kids to be part of a Jr. Committee and allow them to have input and help with the design.

Schiff: Speaking to the kids, "here's a homework assignment".

All agree

Schiff: Asked the kids to form a committee, come back to the EDC with information relative to other bike parks and take pictures to share on the various designs. The EDC will then schedule a meeting

and bring them back together for discussions so that they all understand how the process will work.
Schiff: Motion passes.

Item #4. Discuss and/or take action to review sponsorship, advertising development and participation in a cooperative Gun Barrel City and Gun Barrel City EDC Community Easter Egg Hunt to be held at the GBC Pavilion on the tentative date of Saturday, March 19th. (Schiff/Yarbrough/Wyrick,Lindaman)

Wyrick: Spoke about the Easter Egg Hunt last year and how it generated a great turn out. Wanting to hold it the weekend before Easter so we do not interfere with Family events planned for Easter weekend..

Schiff: We went locally to Sugar Rock to see if they were interested in the graphic design. They came back with an estimate on the general design and layout.

Wyrick: Waiting until Thursday to finalize the hunt details as a small committee will meet to discuss..

Rae: Spoke about the sponsors he has that have committed to the Hunt. He has 5 businesses. This is a great thing for the city.

Damiano: Should we reach out to the Chamber?

Wyrick: Yes we are going to try to reach out to everyone; right now we are just trying to get the donation process approved here.

Schiff: Going over the sponsorship details. First need to work out the details and the time frame is tight.

Damiano: Just wanting to know exactly what we are asking for?

There was discussion about the details of the Easter Egg Hunt. More details to follow after Thursday's meeting.

Butler: Makes a motion that we approve spending up to but not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the Gun Barrel City Community Easter Egg Hunt to be held at the Gun Barrel City Pavilion, hopefully to be held on March 19.

Osborne: Seconds the motion.

Whitten: Showed that the flyers are included in the estimate, but the banners are not included. A suggestion was made about staying with a top EDC support level not to exceed \$1,000.00.

All agree and motion is passed.

Item #5. Discuss and/or take action to approve support in the amount of \$1,000 for the Cedar Creek City Library in conjunction with the Denim & Diamonds fundraising event being held on April 2, 2016. (Schiff)

Osborne: I move that we approve the amount of up to \$1,000.00 to the Cedar Creek Library for the Denim & Diamonds fundraising event on April 2.

Damiano: Seconds the Motion.

Damiano: The Library is the most used library in East Texas.

All agree and motion passes.

Item #6. Discuss and/or take action to approve the change of the GBC EDC current Internet/Phone provider - One Ring Network to Suddenlink. (Schiff)

Schiff: Discussed the trouble we are having in the office with the internet. Went over the estimates we received from Suddenlink.

Whitten: I move we transition to Suddenlink as soon as we can.

Osborne: Seconds the motion.

All agree and motion passes.

Item #7. Discuss and/or take action to amend the current qualifications for the GBC EDC Boots to Business program reflecting the following changes under Section 1 – Purpose “The Applicant must provide proof of service along with proof of being Honorably Discharged or the equivalent and must be the majority stake holder or sole owner of the business being considered for the Boots to Business grant program”. (Damiano/Schiff)

Damiano: Went over the troubles they were running into with the application and why they need to change the wording, just to better clarify who can apply.

Damiano: I would like to make a motion that we change the basic qualifications for the Boots to Business, from being that the individual is honorably discharged veteran to being that the individual must be an honorably discharged U.S. Armed Forces Veteran, who has proof of service, along with proof of being honorably discharged, and is the majority stake equivalent to, or must be a majority stake holder, or sole owner to the Business being considered for the Boots to Business Grant.

Butler: Seconds the motion.

All agree and motion passes.

Item #8. Discuss and/or take action to approve two (2) EDC Board Members to attend the annual Texas Rural Challenge Conference in Waco, Texas from June 9th – June 10th at a total cost for the conference along with T&E not to exceed \$1,500.00. (Schiff)

Schiff: Discussed what the conference was about, along with the agenda and who is hosting it.

Damiano: I make a motion that we allocate up to \$1,500.00 for two people to attend the Texas Rural Challenge Conference in Waco, TX, June 9, and 10th.

Osborne: Seconds the motion.

All agree and motion passes.

Item #9. Discuss and/or take action to approve an expenditure of \$6,000.00 for sponsorship of a National Lawnmowers Association National Event in Gun Barrel City, Texas planned for May 28th and May 29th. (Schiff/Howell)

Howell: Discussed the events that take place, the amounts of the previous races. The television recording that just happened and will be coming out in April. Where the main portion of the money is for the insurance. The National Points Race of a town with 15 thousand had revenue of over 345 thousand dollars. Good promotion is really needed. And that is what a portion of the money is going to be used for. It will be a two day event. They are hoping to fill the motel rooms. The City will help promote if it is approved by Council. This will not be using the Hotel/Motel money. All they want from the EDC is the Sponsorship. The city will help out with the track and the set up.

Lindaman: Asked about the seating. Is there enough seating to hold a larger crowd at the event.

Howell: They think they should be able to cover seating.

Schiff: Asked about concessions.

Howell: Thought that would be a good way for individual vendors to set up and make money.

Baade: Showed concerns about this being so close to the July Fest and the use of our City Employees. He just does not want this to take away from the July Fest.

Howell: There was more talk about the National Points Race. Howell wanted to let everyone know that no money will be used from the July Fest funds, or none of the sponsors.

Schiff: Citizens like to have more events in the city. It is something that we should discuss further.

Butler: I make a motion that we table the discussion for now until our March 9th meeting I think it is, until we gather some more information from Mr. Howell so we don't sit here and beat him to death all night with questions.

Damiano: Seconds the motion

All agree and it is tabled until the next meeting.

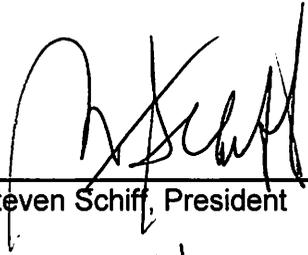
Motion to adjourn

Damiano: Motioned to be adjourned.

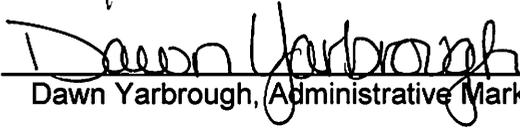
Butler: Second the motion.

Adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Approved by: _____


Steven Schiff, President

Attest by: _____


Dawn Yarbrough, Administrative Marketing Assistant