

Minutes  
San Juan Bautista Economic Development Advisory Committee  
February 2, 2022  
Approved February 16, 2022

Chairperson Heliena Walton called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and conducted roll call as follows:  
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Present: Beverly Meamber, Darlene Boyd, Fran Fitzharris, Patricia Bains, Stephanie Correia, Teresa Lavagnino, Beverly Meamber, Liz Sanchez – Turner, Suzie Velez, Kristina Hastings

Absent Excused: Suzie Velez

Absent Unexcused: Cara Denny (resigned)

Guests: Corby Kilmer, Caltrans; Brian Foucht, CD Director; Marc Fontes (San Benito County EDC), Heidi Balz (San Juan Committee), Leslie Jordan.

Heliena Walton requested any items not on the posted agenda. Fran Fitzharris request that someone be appointed to note any raised hands. Liz Sanchez – Turner volunteered to provide that service to the Committee.

Corby Kilmer, Senior Landscape Architect for Caltrans District 5, shared information about the Clean California Grant and the improvement project at the Washington Street/Hwy 156 underpass. The project will include hardscape, art, landscape and security improvement on the overpass structure, embankments, and to fencing. The project is funded for approximately 1 million dollars and will be completed within a year, and installations will occur in late 2022 or early 2023. Jennifer Laine of the San Benito Arts Council will assist Caltrans to identify a team to acquire artist involvement. The City will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of improvements.

There was discussion regarding whether a subcommittee should be established to assist Caltrans with the Washington Street overpass project and to report back to the Committee as a whole. There was a motion by Darlene Boyd, seconded by Fran Fitzharris that Heidi Balz be asked to serve as the EDCAC contact for this purpose. Heidi Balz stated that she would be in touch with Brian Foucht regarding the project that the Committee. The question was not called and there was no vote on the motion.

Brian Foucht reviewed the staff report to Committee summarizing the essays submitted by members regarding a mission statement and common themes in the various essays. The Committee reached consensus that members would review the essays and provide individual or collaborative mission statements to Brian Foucht by Wednesday of the following week for discussion on February 16.

The Committee discussed how information should be distributed to the Committee. The Committee reached consensus that information should be distributed by staff electronically as much as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.