

CEDS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 19, 2016

M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Elan Vallender called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bobby Davis, Elan Vallender, Evelyn Casuga for Jim Dinkle, Jennifer Evans, Richard Wilkie, Sandie Smith.

Staff Present: Brad Mecham

Guests:

A quorum was established.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, March 30, 2016

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the March 30 2016 CEDS Committee minutes as presented. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Initial CEDS Draft

Mr. Mecham shared the draft of Central Arizona Government's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Mr. Mecham highlighted changes to the document, spending the majority of the time reviewing current data for the region. Ms. Casuga suggested that CAG staff look into why their has not been concurrent employment growth with the growth in population. Ms. Casuga also suggested that CAG should utilize the Arizona Job Creation Progress Meter in the future to benchmark data with the state.

B. Recommendation to Present to Regional Council and Economic Development District Board

Mr. Davis made a motion that staff present the CEDS to the Regional Council and Economic Development District Board. Ms. Casuga seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Abstained: Mr. Wilkie – late to meeting.

C. Election of Officers

Mr. Davis made a motion to have Mr. Elan Vallender serve as new chair of the CEDS Committee. Ms. Casuga seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Casuga made a motion to have Mr. Bobby Davis serve as vice-chair of the CEDS Committee. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. CEDS Committee Roundtable

Each member of the CEDS Committee had the opportunity to share what is going on in their communities and professions. Mr. Davis hared that the multiuniversity in Payson should be complete in Fall 2018. Mr. Vallender announced a new grocery complex for Fry's in Apache Junction, doubling the size of the current location.

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC/MEMBERS

There were no comments from the public.

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be determined at a later date.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Elan Vallender adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM.

Approved by: _____ DAY OF _____, 2016