

CEDS COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2019

M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bobby Davis called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Marissa Garnett, Fernando Garcia, Elan Vallender, Bryan Seppala, Linda Oddonetto, Tim Kanavel, Trever Fleetham, Bobby Davis, Evelyn Casuga

Staff Present: Brad Mecham, Patrick Roberts

Guests: Anubhav Bagley, Maricopa Association of Governments

A quorum was established.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, May 23rd, 2019

Mr. Kanavel made a motion to approve the May 23rd, 2019 CEDS Committee minutes as presented. Mr. Seppala seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Presentation on Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) on the Sun Cloud Project and Their Interactive Tools

Mr. Anubhav Bagley, Regional Analytics Director with MAG, shared information about a grant that MAG received through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The project is meant to serve transportation data needs for a five county region including: Santa Cruz, Cochise, Pima, Pinal, and Maricopa Counties. While the grant is focused on transportation, it also allows for transportation data related to economic development, real estate development, and other data sets for consideration. Mr. Bagley shared that this is a two year grant and MAG is looking for input on the types of data to be collected.

Mr. Bagley also provided a demonstration of MAG's interactive map viewer with some datasets spanning the state, while others are focused on MAG members in Maricopa and Pinal Counties. Multiple CEDS Committee Members stated that information on commuter sheds, live/work data, future transportation projects, and new development projects are of great interest from potential locates. Mr. Bagley completed his presentation by inviting CEDS Committee members to reach out to him if they have ideas for additional datasets to track in the future.

B. In-Kind Contributions

Mr. Mecham provided information on CAG's Scope of Work with the Economic Development Administration. He also reviewed EDA's in-kind contribution guidelines and asked committee members to track time spent on the scope of work to be submitted as in-kind match for CAG's EDA grant. Mr. Mecham asked the committee to send completed in-kind letters to him by the end of October.

C. CEDS Committee Roundtable

Mr. Seppala reported on Resolution Copper's partnerships with the Town of Superior. Resolution is providing \$300,000 to Superior schools for equipment and technology upgrades this year with similar donations scheduled for future years. Resolution is also committing \$2 million for a multi-generation center, \$200,000 for a new playground, and is providing workforce training through Central Arizona College for 12 employees. Mr. Seppala also shared that their draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is nearing its 90 day comment period, closing November 7th.

Mr. Garcia reported that Lucid Motors is now grading their site in Casa Grande, with an official groundbreaking likely in the next few months. He also reported that the city is receiving interest from multi-family developers and that the city is hosting homebuilder and real estate events. In addition, 17 students have been hired from Central Arizona College's new workforce training center.

Ms. Garnett reported that Queen Creek has annexed 4,200 acres in Pinal County. Recent strategies to attract family entertainment have led to two new attractions coming into town. The new hotel has broken ground, a new Fry's has entered into a development agreement, and a future annexation of existing residential is in the works.

Mr. Vallender reported that the City of Apache Junction has 250-400 housing starts. The city also recently annexed nearly 6,700 acres on the south side. The city is seeking out spec industrial developers for a 40 acre parcel, and there is new retail development coming into the community.

Mr. Fleetham reported that the Town of Payson is currently working on the American Gulch Project, allowing for additional development along main street. He also reported that

Moonshot, based out of Flagstaff, will be hosting a pitch event for entrepreneurs. Based on interest, they may also explore a new business incubator for the area. In addition, new residential subdivisions are breaking ground.

Ms. Casuga outlined some upcoming events in Pinal County with Pinal Partnership, the Center for the Future of Arizona, and Arizona @ Work Pinal County.

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be scheduled for a date to be determined in early January 2020.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bobby Davis adjourned the meeting at 3:02 PM.