

JEDO BOARD  
Joint Economic Development Organization  
Wednesday, October 22, 2003  
4:00 p.m.

The JEDO Board met in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room with the following present: Lisa Stubbs, Councilmember, Chair; Gary Price, Duane Pomeroy, Marice Kane, Ted Ensley, Vic Miller (all voting members); Christy Caldwell, Kris Robbins, Doris Williams, LaZone Grays, James McClinton, Calvin M. Hughes, Brad Owen, Tony Augusto, Jo Beilman, Jack Porteous, Trinket Harding, Gwynne Harris-Birzer, Kathy Moellenberndt, Doug Kinsinger, Brenden Long, Rich Eckert, Curtis Pitts, Danille Dempsey-Snopce, Vince Frye, Robert Bugg, John Alcalá, Bob Sherburne and Amy Bauer.

**Agenda #1. Explanation of selection of Chairman of JEDO.** Brenden Long explained the City Council selected Lisa Stubbs as Chair through 2003 due to the temporary suspension of Mayor Felker by Judge Rosen.

**Agenda #2. Vic Miller moved to approve the minutes of the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003, JEDO meeting after 4 corrections were made. Ted Ensley seconded and motion carried unanimously.**

**Agenda #3. Briefing on role of ex-officio members.** Brenden Long referred to an AG's opinion that a member who is on a body by virtue of office such as an ex-officio non-voting member may make and second motions but can't cast a vote. Lisa Stubbs, Chair, announced she would entertain motions and seconds from other ex-officio members of JEDO.

**Agenda #4. Consideration of any proposed redraft of language in JEDO Contract relating to support for the socially and economically disadvantaged.** Kris Robbins announced Gwynne Harris-Birzer would explain the contract amendment replacing paragraph 18 to Contract between JEDO and GO Topeka. (Copy attached to the original of these minutes). Gwynne explained the set aside in the original contract is not constitutional in this instance. Case law is very clear and one has to be careful not to even infer there is a set aside. A question was asked if jobs at the new Target count toward fulfillment of 10%.

**Duane Pomeroy moved that the last sentence “GO Topeka may attribute jobs created for socially and economically disadvantaged individuals in non-DBE’s towards fulfillment of this endeavor.” Harold Lane seconded.**

Bill Richards, Doris Taylor, LaZone Grays and Bob Sherburne all spoke to the issue. Doug Kinsinger then outlined the present use of the funds. He reported they are still working with the same companies as last month. He then asked Curtis Pitts to speak about the training program at Washburn University. Curtis described the time lines and the Advisory Council. Kris Robbins concurred with those comments. Gwynne Harris-Birzer recommended the proposed language remain as is because in her opinion it is legally sound. Rich Eckert stated the attorneys would work on language for the Interlocal Agreement.

**Motion failed 1-5. (Pomeroy)**

**Gary Price moved to adopt the Contract Amendment replacing paragraph 18 and Ted Ensley seconded. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Agenda #5. Discussion of potential support for Topeka/Shawnee County Sports Council. Vic Miller moved to commit \$5,000 of Economic Development Funds for use by the new Topeka/Shawnee County Sports Council. Ted Ensley seconded.** Duane Pomeroy asked what their goal was and Gary Price asked where the line is drawn if there are other requests in the future. Marice Kane asked about how the money would be spent. Vince Frye, a member of the Sports Council, advised this would be the only time this body would be asked for funds and stated they were working in tandem with the CVB trying to attract football, i.e. NAIA National Championships, NAIC Jr. College and Swimming meets. Ted Ensley stated both the City and County are represented on the new Sports Council. **Motion carried 4-2 (Price, Stubbs)**

**Agenda #6. Discussion of Fiscal 2004 Federal Funding Projects.** Christy Caldwell reported that the only movement is that the requests are pooled in the Omnibus Bill. The Senate Bill has \$8 Million for the Topeka Boulevard Bridge; \$120,000 infrastructure for Commerce Park; \$500,000 for the Great Overland Station and \$275,000 in the House; no action on the 190<sup>th</sup> request; a request was made for a taxiway improvement at Forbes. The community priorities for the Monroe Project were not decided in time for this year’s funding. Timing is so important to get specific plans and budget to our delegation.

Discussion on the Economic Development priorities for 2004 prior to November 1<sup>st</sup> and the federal funding priorities are separate items. Harold Lane suggested a project show a match on Monroe School for the \$750,000 infrastructure monies. Duane Pomeroy suggested an Abolitionist Museum at Sumner School. Duane Pomeroy will coordinate a Policy Committee meeting before November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda #7. Continue efforts to support the 190<sup>th</sup> and Fort Riley.** Doug Kinsinger reported that Congressman Ryun and Senators Brownback and Roberts are working with Junction City/Manhattan to bring the Big Red One back to this area. A delegation will be going to DC as soon as a date is set – travel funds for elected officials to attend are available.

**Agenda #8. Prospect Update.** Kathy Moellenberndt reported that discussions are continuing with a number of firms. Tours at Target will be set up in the near future for JEDO members.

**Agenda #9. GO Topeka economic development priorities for 2004 –** Kathy Moellenberndt distributed 2 documents: “Economic Development Report January through September 2003” and an excerpt from the “Economic Development Plan for Topeka and Shawnee County, A Strategic Vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Topeka-Shawnee County Comprehensive Metropolitan Plan, 2025.” (copy of both documents is attached to the original of these minutes) She briefly described the contents and asked the members to review them in detail.

**Next JEDO meeting is Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in the Chamber Board room.**

Donna Freel, Mayor’s Office