

GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES: February 23, 2017

DIRECTORS

PRESENT: Matias Rosales, Chair
William Gresser
Gary Magrino
Frank Rascon / Teleconference
Tony Reyes

DIRECTORS

ABSENT: Michael Reed, Vice Chair

EX-OFFICIO (Non-voting)

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Michael Jones, ADOT
Gen Grosse, YCAA

OTHERS

PRESENT: Linda Matthias, GYPA Administrator
Wayne Benesch, Legal Counsel
Gary Knight, City of Yuma
Tim Eisenmann
Jenny Torres
Rod Sebree

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chair Matias Rosales. The meeting was held at Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation Conference Room, 899 E. Plaza Circle, Suite 2, Yuma Arizona.

2. ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2017 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

MOTION: Bill Gresser moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2017 regular meeting as presented.

SECOND: Tony Reyes

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Administrator Linda Matthias reported on the GYPA current financial activity/status. Activities included:

- Review of current correspondence
- Financial review to date

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Matias Rosales reported on

- Status of activities regarding construction of Magrino Industrial Park perimeter wall.
- Status regarding GYPA office location and personnel requirements.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECENT COMMUNICATION FROM ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REOPENING THEIR REQUEST TO LOCATE AND CONSTRUCT A COMMUNICATION TOWER ON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE MAGRINO INDUSTRIAL PARK.

Linda Matthias gave a brief summary (in recollection) of two teleconference meetings which took place in the office of Robert Pickels, Yuma County Administrator, Secretary/Treasurer of the Greater Yuma Port Authority Board of Director's approximately two years ago. In attendance was (then) Chairman Frank Rascon and Linda Matthias, GYPA Administrator. The only participant calling was a representative from the Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C.

Following description of the location of the site requested by the Engineers would have required a new parcel map be drawn up as the site would occupy land in several existing parcels. The Engineers were steadfast in the site location. In addition, a purchase offer of the land was a few hundred dollars. A lease option, which was not a part of the Corps of Engineers offer, would typically yield much less than \$50 per month.

Following a briefing to the Board by Robert Pickels of the contents of the teleconference call, and hearing the opinions of each of the directors present, the action by the Board was unanimously to decline the offer.

Chair Matias Rosales stated he would get the name and contact number of the individual that called Yuma County Administrator Susan Thorpe, and respond to he caller in order to gather further current information. He would then report back to the Board at the March business meeting.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WEBSITE DESIGN FOR MAGRINO INDUSTRIAL PARK.

With a 'get-started' website cost of \$5K the Board discussed the GYPA providing any photos, an element of the website construction that would reduce costs within the \$5K design RFP. Following discussion the Board agreed to let Matt Molenaar do the work within the scope of the project.

Following discussion, it was further decided to set aside remake of the GYPA logo at a cost of \$6,075.

MOTION: Tony Reyes moved to proceed with the website design for Magrino Industrial Park with a cap of \$5K.

SECOND: Gary Magrino

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE UPDATED INFORMATION ON MAGRINO INDUSTRIAL PARK PERIMETER BLOCK WALL.

Chair Matias Rosales reported GYPA will 'piggy-back' with Russ Jones (SLCOM) property boundary (10 acres) toward the cost of the perimeter block wall. Construction should begin in approximately one month. The sharing information had been forwarded to the contractor.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ACTIVE RECRUITMENT FOR A GYPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board was provided for their review, an updated copy of the recruitment flyer being provided by Yuma County Human Resources Department for the position of GYPA Executive Director. The consensus was positive by the directors.

9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Meeting attendees were invited to comment on items that would be informative or beneficial.

9:39 a.m.

MOTION: Tony Reyes moved the Board of Directors recess Regular Session to enter into Executive Session.

SECOND: Gary Magrino

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OR CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE WITH GYPA LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING GYPA'S ACTIVITIES AND PARK PROPERTY SALES/LEASE ACTIVITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)(4)(6).

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOLLOWING STATUS UPDATE OF THE MAGRINO INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY SALES/LEASE ACTIVITY. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OR CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE WITH GYPA LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING GYPA'S ACTIVITIES AND PARK PROPERTY SALES/LEASE ACTIVITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)(4)(6).

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OR CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE WITH GYPA LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING GYPA'S LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY AND THE COCOPAH INDIAN TRIBE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)(4)(6).

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREATER YUMA PORT AUTHORITY AND THE COCOPAH INDIAN TRIBE.

10:12 a.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED AND REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED

The Chair announced no action was taken.

The Chair announced, by decision of the Executive Board the next GYPA Business Meeting would be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017.

12. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Executive Board, with motion and second the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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Matias Rosales, Chair

ATTEST:

Linda Matthias
GYPA Administrator