



## Economic Development Commission

Engineering Conference Room  
187 SE Court Street, Dallas, OR  
March 28, 2024 at 12:00 pm

1 **ROLL CALL**

2 Members Present: Vice Chair, Peter Cairns; Bob Tucker; Craig Pope; Brian Dalton; Erik Andersson; and Jim  
3 Bauer

4 Members Not Present: Chair, Rita Grady

5 Staff present: Economic Development Specialist, Tyler Ferrari; and Recording Secretary, Benjamin Curry

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7 **MINUTES**

8 Mr. Cairns, presiding, opened the meeting at 12:01 p.m. and presented the minutes dated January 25, 2024.

9 Mr. Bauer motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Pope seconded the motion. The motion passed  
10 unanimously.

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12 Mr. Curry shared an update on the role of the Economic Development Commission, and its membership, in  
13 regards to the South Dallas Urban Renewal District Advisory Committee utilizing a printed hand out of  
14 Resolution No. UR 2022-02.

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16 **STAFF REPORTS - Economic & Community Development High-level Updates**

17 Mr. Ferrari read from the staff report and provided high level updates on the following topics:

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- 19 • Commercial Lands Deficit
  - 20 • Dallas Mill Site Redevelopment
    - 21 ○ Mr. Cairns provided an update on the Dallas Mill site and conversations to date regarding the
    - 22 Ash Creek relocation project and the Genesee Wyoming rail line. The commission discussed
    - 23 the economic viability of investing and maintaining rail access to and through the site.
  - 24 • Downtown Urban Renewal efforts, grants, farmer's market, and general business updates

25 **TYLER FERRARI PRESENTATION ON DEMOGRAPHIC DATA**

26 Mr. Ferrari provided a presentation summarizing the demographic and socio-economic data of Dallas  
27 residents. He discussed the context, themes present, broader trends and facilitated a Q/A with the  
28 commission.

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30 **MEMBER COMMENTS – ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION**

31 The commission discussed the priority objectives of the EDC and requested a future goal setting  
32 meeting. Staff suggested utilizing a survey exercise to reassess and set new priorities going forward.

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34 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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36 **ADJOURNMENT**

37 Mr. Cairns adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM.

38 Next meeting May 23, 2024