

**MINUTES OF
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Novinger, Pickard, Weil, Jamison. Others present: Jung, Johnstone, Moen.

ECA Project Status

Land Use Compatibility- Johnstone briefed that the R-2508 Joint Land Use Study was progressing quite well. The military has identified military influence areas, military impact areas, and military critical areas to be used in planning compatible land uses. Developers, planners, environmentalists, military, and several other groups are represented in the technical advisory group. So far most representatives seem to agree with the process and just want to know where they can and can not develop and what kind of development is compatible. One more technical committee meeting is planned in the near future.

Education-Johnstone said the Master Plan has been reviewed by an editor and has been approved by the Board of Trade Executive Committee. He will brief the full Board of Trade Directors on March 6th to get their approval. Also the Board of Trade is introducing a revised position on the Joint Powers Authority which will be discussed on the 6th. The proposed new position statement clearly calls for inclusion of all of the players on an equal basis. The first meeting of the JPA formation group will be on March 2nd. This meeting is strictly for planning the JPA and is not intended as a formation meeting.

The cities of Lancaster and Palmdale, in a recent joint meeting of the City Councils, announced they were going to work together to bring a four year university to the area. So far there has not been any apparent activity on this action. It should be noted that neither city participated in the Master Plan effort although they were invited to be part of the plan. Also, there has been no commitment of land for a university in either city. If the cities continue their plans to attract a university without benefit of the Board of Trade's Master Plan efforts, the competition will most definitely jeopardize any attempt to bring a university to the region.

Johnstone said the summer intern program is gearing up to start in Mojave this summer. The program is putting a priority on pre-engineering students to introduce them to potential companies in the area. More details will become available as soon as the program is better defined.

Financial-None available.

Open Discussion-Rex Moen briefed on community organizations and missions. So far he has the mission statements from six organizations. Rex and Randy Scott will put together a list of

organizations and mission statements for the ECA to attempt to set up a program for support to Edwards activities.

Tom Weil briefed on the proposed Airport Advisory Commission to the Kern County Board of Supervisors. A Technical Advisory Committee would be an option rather than forming a new Commission. Hopefully the Advisory Committee would review projects concurrently with other planning organizations and not delay the planning process.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in the Rosamond Community Services building on March 19th.

Respectively Submitted

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