

**MINUTES OF
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
MEETING
JUNE 19, 2006**

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:05 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Painter, Jung, Pickard. Others present: Johnstone, Wardlaw, Uhazy, Moen. Deaver introduced Doug Pickard as a replacement Director for Carol Lawhon.

ECA Project Status

Land Use Compatibility- Not represented, however a couple of items were brought up from the floor. A developer is planning a large housing development around the intersection of Highways 14 and 58 in the California City area. President Deaver suggested that we need to make sure Dwight Deakin from Edwards is aware of this project.

Kern County Board of Supervisors approved the B-2 zoning for Mojave Airport. This action should help protect the approach and departures routes at the airport from encroachment.

Education-The Dialogue on Higher Education had an attendance of 212. The Mayors from Victorville, California City, Tehachapi, Ridgecrest, Palmdale, and Lancaster were in attendance as well as community organizations throughout the region. All of the guest speakers were impressed with the regional support demonstrated by such a diverse turnout from throughout the area. In addition, 111 folks from this diverse group filled out volunteer statements to get involved in the preparation of the Master Plan. Issue area groupings for: Workforce Development, Land / Resources, Service Area and Master Plan compilation have been organized and the first subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 26th. Other subcommittees will be meeting in the near future. The goal is to have the Master Plan completed by March 26, 2007. This is an ambitious schedule but achievable if all of the volunteers come forward.

Additional volunteers can still participate in the above subcommittees. Interested parties should contact Johnstone at 661-723-6103

Committee chairs should provide input on their committee activities to Tom Wardlaw for posting on the ECA web site: www.ecateam.com.

Director appointments

President Deaver mentioned that we are currently short three Directors; Tom Wardlaw, Barbara Speed and Tom Weil. Deaver said that even though Weil is in a different position he was going to ask him to rejoin the Alliance. Tom Wardlaw suggested it might be appropriate to get someone from the education community to fill one of the positions since education is a big part of ECA's efforts. Those in attendance agreed.

Financial Report

The treasurer, James Welling was unable to make this meeting due to a schedule conflict so there was no financial report. President Deaver said he had approved Johnstone's request to attend the Southwest Defense Alliance meeting in Salt Lake City next month.

A budget for FY07 will be discussed at the next meeting.

Johnstone said he has an action item to convene a meeting of ECA members to discuss scholarships and/ or summer camp for students. He has discussed this item with the Math and Science Odyssey planners for possible inclusion in that program early next year however he has not convened a meeting yet to discuss the possibilities with ECA members. This action item will remain open.

ACTION: JOHNSTONE CONVENE A COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND A COURSE OF ACTION TO THE BOD ON SCHOLARSHIPS AND/OR SUMMER CAMP .

It was suggested that the ECA should conduct an annual event to educate the general public on ECA projects. This will be a subject for future meetings.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in California City City Hall on July 17th.

Respectively Submitted

Robert Johnstone
Executive Director