

Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission
Board of Commission Meeting
9:30 AM, February 5, 2009
Quarry Oaks Golf Course – Club House
16600 Quarry Oaks Drive
Ashland, NE.

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Special open forum with K-10 Association, members of the area Chambers of Commerce, and NPZA began at 9:30am. Formal Business of the Nebraska Innovation Zone Commissioner, as stated on the agenda, came to order at 10:45AM.

Commissioner Attending: Tom DeLong, Tim Gilligan, David Potter, Dr. Jack Huck, Marlin Petermann, Ernie Arbariotes, Jeff Weak, Pete Kotsiopoulos, Jon Camp, Brenda Gunn, Rich Jansen, Pat Thomas

Kathy McKillip – NIZC Director, Patty Wood, NDED Marketing Director

Members Excused: Mary Ann Borgeson, Marsha Babcock, Kyle Hutchings, Dave Neilsen, Bernie Heier, Brad Stauffer, Chuck Sigerson, John Plucknett.

Visitors: Kevin Anderson, Steve Miller, Ryan Bjerke, Meghan Sittler, Jim Krance, Ray Lithouse, James Engelmeisn, Russell Allpher, Bruce Horton, Kathleen Hettermann, Donna Lynam, Colleen Lawry, Duane Murdoch, Gary Duncan, Norma Nelson, Marcus Baker, Dennis Keil, Christy Eichorn, Jim Rughe, Tim McKee, Paul Mullen, Cheryl Reisen, Jon Pesce, Rich Caplan, Amnon, Mike Siedschlag, John Bauer.

NIZC Chair, Brenda Gunn, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM.

Kathy McKillip, NIZC Executive Director, then took the Commission roll call at 10:45PM.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Gunn asked for approval of the agenda as distributed. *Motion made by Commissioner Gilligan and 2nd by Commissioner Jansen, to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion approved by consent.*

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Gunn asked that the minutes from January 8, 2009 be tabled until next month due to the fact that there was not a quorum by those attending that meeting in order to approve. *Motion made by Commissioner Kotsiopoulos and 2nd by Commissioner Jansen to table the January 8, 2009 minutes until March for approval. Motion approved by consent.*

Public Comment Period

Public Comment Period opened at 11:00am.

Seeing no one interested in speaking at that time, Commissioner Gunn asked for a motion to close the public comment period. *Motion made by Commissioner Arbariotes and 2nd by Commission Petermann to close the public comment period. Motion approved by consent.*

Public Comment period closed at 11:05am

Executive Director Report

If there are additional correspondences that McKillip needs to be aware of and add to the list please let her know. Hard copies in the mail have been eliminated to only those specifically requesting them.

Remember, if you are a guest, please sign in and provide contact information so that the Commission can keep you updated and informed.

Public recognition of new NIZC Commissioners, Jon Camp – Lincoln City Council, and Pat Thomas – Sarpy County Board. January 8, 2009 Senators' luncheon was a successful event. It was standing room only and more than 32 Senators' attended, the highest number of any NDED/NIZC event. Senators' are eager to hear the updates from NIZC and offer support in furthering the goals of NIZC.

Commission Discussion

The Commission began discussion about the K-10 Association and how to follow up with the Senator luncheon. Commissioner Weak asked if NIZC would be tracking bills of interest, such as LB 85, regarding infrastructure that the Commission might take a position on. Commissioner Weak asked if there could be a list of bills emailed out that NDED is also tracking or interested in.

It was recommended by Commissioners that the NIZC EX. Committee, meet prior to the next NIZC meeting in March to recommend a marketing approach to the design standards and guidelines. A request was made that in March or April a more in-depth study, regarding marketing of the corridor be placed on the NIZC meeting agenda. In addition, it would be good, to discover what Committee NIZC evolved from as to provide that legislative committee with a specific NIZC update.

Consultant Presentation: Steve Miller – Olsson Associates, presented a power point presentation to the group. The presentation focused on the developing guidelines and a project timeline, lively discussion occurred asking many questions about the scope of the guidelines, and the role of NIZC or an new association would play in the interpretation of the standards.

Elizabeth Garvin, Clarion & Associates, will be presenting at the March 5, 2009 NIZC meeting for the consultant update.

Closing Comments

At this time, seeing that there was no other Commission business. *Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Arbariotes 2nd by Commissioner Thomas. Motion approved by consent.*

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy McKillip
Executive Director - NIZC