



THE CITY OF
NOVATO
CALIFORNIA

MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, January 29, 2015 3:00PM to 5:00PM
Baget Conference Rooms, 2nd Fl.
922 Machin Avenue, Novato, CA 94945

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Williams called the Economic Development Commission meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

In attendance were:

Commissioners Present

Present: John Williams (Chair), Harry Thomas, Coy Smith, Tim Howard, Peter Pelham, Nanda Schorske and David Winton

Commissioners Absent

Staff Present

Chris Stewart

Public

John Hutch Turner

B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

*Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Pelham to approve the Final Agenda.
Approved 5-0*

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR

*December 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Pelham, seconded by Commissioner Thomas.
Approved 5-0*

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

E - 1 Proposed Strategic Economic Development Priorities for consideration and adoption by the City Council

Motion by Commission Thomas and Seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve staff's proposed economic development strategic priorities plus add language for the ED staff to work with all of the commercial property owners to stimulate growth, activities and fill vacancies with dynamic companies.

Approved 5-0

- E – 2 Mr. Stewart introduced Mike Lynch with DPR Construction who gave the Commission an overview of real estate development in the Bay Area for life science companies and an update on BioMarin’s expansion plans and projects in San Rafael.
- E – 3 Ms. Claire with Kiosk presented an overview of the tasks and priorities for the North Bay Life Science Alliance for the next six months and solicited any thoughts or input from the Commission members. Following a brief discussion and input from Mr. Turner; *Motion by Commissioner Thomas and Seconded by Commissioner Pelham moved to support the proposed work plan as presented by staff and Kiosk. Approved 5-0*
- E – 4 Mr. Stewart gave a short verbal report on business recruitment and other marketing activities.

F. COMMISSION / STAFF COMMENTS – *No Comments*

G. PUBLIC COMMENT - *No Comments*

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Williams thanked everyone for their participation and input.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pelham and Seconded by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn at 5:00 P.M. Approved 5-0