

CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE CITY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023 AT 3:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Chairman Mike Del Bosque Council Member Jacquin Headen Mayor Pro Tem John Lopez

Chairman Del Bosque called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

Citizens may speak for five minutes on any item on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.

- 1. Minutes of the July 11, 2023 City Council Development Committee Meeting
 - Council Member Headen moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lopez to approve this item. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Proposed street name change request to change Esplanade Drive, from Warrior Trail North to the current street end which is approximately 1000-feet, to Selena Gomez Boulevard, and to build a monument for photo opportunities

Deputy City Manager Bill Hills informed the committee the proposed street name change request to change Esplanade Drive, from Warrior Trail North to the current street end which is approximately 1000-feet, to Selena Gomez Boulevard, and to build a monument for photo opportunities.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez said there are several locations named after Selena Gomez in other cities and noted Selena Gomez is excited to have a location named after her in her hometown. Chairman Del Bosque agreed noting this would bring much excitement as well to the citizen of Grand Prairie. Council Member Headen inquired if there was a monument for consideration at this point. Mr. Hills said not at this time. Council Member Headen asked staff to consider doing a special event for the street name change and monument unveiling on the same day. Mr. Hills said upon Council approval, staff would make the necessary preparations and work with Ms. Gomez's publicist. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez asked that a rendering of the monument be given to Ms. Gomez's publicist as soon as it becomes available for their consideration and approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve, seconded by Council Member Headen to adopt the street name change as presented and work on the potential monument. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion on Gateway Plan and Entertainment District Areas

Planning and Development Director Rashad Jackson presented the committee an overview on the Gateway Plan and Entertainment District Areas.

Mr. Jackson noted in his presentation available acreage. Chairman Del Bosque asked what would be good to go at this location. Mr. Hills advised the committee the engineering department is working on the hydraulic study of this area to confirm the acreage available for use. Engineering Services Director Noreen Housewright said the hydraulic study would be completed later this year and noted there are some wetlands that the study previously mentioned would help determine the best use for this area as well. Council Member Headen said she would be interested in the wetlands being a water attraction. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez and Council Member Headen inquired if the study would indicate the best use for this area. Mr. Jackson said the Omni Plan shows retail on bottom with multifamily above. Economic Development Director Marty Wieder provided the committee with additional information noting continued contact with the OHT Partners adding the high interest rates has caused the pause. Mr. Wieder mentioned the high-speed rail presentation will be given to Council at the September 6th meeting that will include this area.

Chairman Del Bosque said it is time to create a vision that is sustainable and would like this committee's input on their vision goals. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez agreed and said this would be most helpful in the next couple of years. Chairman Del Bosque added it would be most beneficial to start planning now and creating a master plan for the entire city of Grand Prairie and the entertainment district. Mr. Hills said the city is including the master plan in the budget and to start the master plan from the south to the north.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Del Bosque adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Chairman Mike Del Bosque