

MINUTES
Work Session
San Luis Economic Development Summit
Yuma County Library-San Luis Branch
1075 N. 6th Avenue
June 3, 2015
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor G. Sanchez welcomed everybody for attending this summit at approximately 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerardo Sanchez
Vice-Mayor Matias Rosales
Council Member Gloria Torres
Council Member Maria C. Ramos
Council Member Africa Luna-Carrasco

ABSENT: Council Member Ruben Walshe
Council Member Mario Buchanan Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Eads, City Manager
Tadeo A. De La Hoya, Assistant to the City Manager
Olivia Zepeda, Gadsden School District #32
Eric R. Jones, San Luis Chamber of Commerce/Rio Colorado Development.
Charlene Fitzgerald, Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
Everardo Martinez, Arizona Western College
Geraldine Gutierrez, Assistant to Mayor and Council/PIO
Hector Tapia, City of Somerton
Ally Peralta, Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation
Jezreel Ramirez, Goodwill
Anna Charles, Arizona Public Service
Kelly Patton, Arizona Public Service
Kay Macuil, Assistant City Attorney
Maria Guzman, Arizona Western College
Glenn Gimbut, City Attorney
Jenny Torres, Community Development Director
Peggy Fiandaca, Partners for Strategic Action, Inc.
Randy Nelson, Arizona Western College/Small Business Development Center
Marcos Ramirez, San Luis Chamber of Commerce
Christian Espinoza, Department of Economic Security
Elena Rodriguez, San Luis Walk-In Clinic
John Starkey, Building Safety Director
Martin Martinez, Campesinos Sin Fronteras

Amanda Aguirre, Regional Center for Border Health
Russ Jones, R.L. Jones
Ana Torres, Campesinos Sin Fronteras
Marco A. "Tony" Reyes Sr., Yuma County Supervisor District #4
Greg Lavann, Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation
Kevin Wilkins, City of Yuma
Frank Rascon, Frank's Service & Trucking
Ray Aguilera, Superintendent for Gadsden School District #32

DISCUSSION ITEM:

APS Focus Future Program assists communities in developing economic development strategic plans. It is a component of a public/private collaborative effort called Arizona Border Business Case led by a four-state agency group with support locally/regionally. The purpose of the Economic Development Summit is to outline the community's strategies for economic development. The plan is intended to be San Luis' guide for economic development.

1. Welcome – Mayor Gerardo Sanchez

Welcoming remarks by Mayor G. Sanchez were made.

2. San Luis Economic Development Strategic Plan Process Overview

3. Strategic Planning Areas of Focus – Strategic Development, which included Business Recruitment, Business Retention and Expansion, Infrastructure Support of Economic Development, Governance (business climate, policies, structure, capital, etc.).

4. Discussion of Next Steps

Items #2, #3 and #4 were addressed and discussed with community members.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.