The following are summary minutes for the meeting of the City of Las Cruces – Economic Development Policy Review Committee on January 18, 2023. The meeting was held at City Hall, 700 N. Main, Las Cruces, New Mexico in the Las Cruces Conference Room 2007A.

Members Present:
- Kasandra Gandara, Mayor Pro-Tem
- Tessa Abeyta-Stuve, City Councilor
- Yvonne Flores, City Councilor
- Mary Ulrich, Member - DACC
- Ana Berrun
- Davin Lopez, Member - MVEDA
- Kathryn Hansen, Member - NMSU

Members Absent:
- Connie Campos
- Debbi Moore, Member - Chamber of Commerce

Others Present:
- Sergio Ruiz, Policy Analyst
- Dania Soto, Executive Assistant
- Chris Faivre, Interim Destination Downtown Administrator
- Irene Parra, Interim Small Business Administrator
- Alexis Espinoza, Student Intern
- Christine Rivera, City Clerk
- Bill Hamm, Economic Development
- Mark Miller, Long Range Senior Planner
- Monica Torres, Economist
- Natalie Green, Housing and Neighborhood Services Administrator
- Ikani Taumoepeau, Assistant City Manager
- Cilicia Villegas, Economic Development Coordinator
- Cariel Apodaca, Community Liaison
- Alexis Espinoza, Student Intern
- Eric Montgomery, El Paso Electric
- David Weir, Deputy Director Community Planning
- Peter Martinez
- Rochelle Miller-Hernandez

I. Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tem Gandara called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m.

II. Conflict of Interest: There was no conflict of interest.

III. Minutes for Approval:
a. Economic Development PRC Meeting of December 14, 2022: Councilor Abeyta motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Councilor Flores. Minutes were accepted.

IV. Discussion:
   a. Las Cruces Strategic Plan:

Mark Miller gave a presentation including a Quick Reference Guide geared specifically for Economic Development regarding the Las Cruces Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Plan. Councilor Abeyta suggested including updates on investments and studies in the Quick Reference Guide and including more specifics about whether the City is on track with the Plan, and if not what issues are holding up progress. Davin Lopez asked if the City has learned more about teamwork between departments and what methods are used to make sure that inter-department relationships are maintained. The Department is working on software that would be accessible to all departments to help with interconnection. Board Members are excited about improving interdepartmental cooperation. Mayor Pro Tem Gandara requested Councilor Abeyta to put her suggestion in writing for presentation to Council at the budget meeting.

b. LEDA Plan Update:

Chris Faivre distributed information from the State regarding LEDA and a brochure used by City representatives when they meet with businesses. He used the handouts to go over who is eligible for State vs. local LEDA funds and why. The Department is currently working on modifications to the local LEDA Plan with the Legal Department and will bring those changes to Council soon. There is not currently a dedicated LEDA fund but Board Members agree that there should be.

V. Recommendation: None

VI. Future Discussion:
   a. Municipal Land Sale Ordinance
   b. IRB Spec Policy
   c. MRA State Statute Change
   d. Next Meeting: February 15, 2023

VII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 09:30 a.m.

[Signature]
Chairperson
Approved: ___________________