

EDC October report- Invite to attend November 10 meeting and field trip

All four EDC commissioners were present for 3 or more hours at the Prime Time Expo held at the Embassy Suites on October 13 from 8 to 1:30. We completed a power point presentation on Rio Communities that ran continuously at the booth we shared with Pecos Homes. Dan Akers of Pecos Homes, Garth Tallman and Ralph Mims were also present. Commissioners handed out Rio Communities flyers, and Pecos Homes handed out information on their home sites in Rio Communities.

Recommendation for future expos in ABQ: Have a map showing relationship of Rio Communities to ABQ on a large posterboard. Vendors have only a few seconds with attendees and creating visibility for the city's location would help.

October 20<sup>th</sup> presentation by Danielle Casey of ABQ Economic Development was cancelled at the last minute due to a Covid-Delta outbreak at City Hall. Instead a virtual meeting was held at 10 am at the regular scheduled time. The cancelled presentation was rescheduled to December 13 at 10 am in the morning. The council and commissioners also planned for the business luncheon to be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Moose Lodge. As MC I appreciated the help in logistics for masks, and in setting up the agenda for the meeting. FYI: Kenneth Knoll of Invest New Mexico has volunteered to host the next luncheon which will be January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge.

We had 19 people present at luncheon: 3 from Rio Communities, 4 from ABQ and Los Lunas, 5 from industrial park, with 2 counsellors and City Manager plus all 4 EDC commissioners in attendance. Tentative plan for United Way's Valencia Partnership to present in January with student and employer videos if possible.

I was not able to attend the October 27<sup>th</sup> EDC meeting. I understand the other commissioners were able to meet. The agenda was to review the Expo, October 20 meeting, and the luncheon, and plan for November 10 meeting.

## ATTENTION – INVITATION FOR CITY COUNCIL TO ATTEND NOVEMBER 10 MEETING AND FIELD TRIP

The November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting for EDC will include some business for the commission and a presentation by Allison Martin of the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District. She will talk about Whitfield programs and land and how we might work together to develop the Rio Abajo property which is just south of Rio Communities and off Rio Grande Stables Road, this is the last road going west off of highway 304 before the industrial park. After adjourning our meeting, **we will meet at the City Hall parking lot at approximately 11 am and car caravan to the Rio Abajo site.** The council, mayor ( CONGRADULATIONS to Josh and new council members) city manager and staff and public are invited to come. **Bring a lunch and be prepared to walk into the cottonwood bosque.**

**Request: Certify Michelle Borgogna and another candidate for commission. Frank Logan's term ends in December.**