

Minutes from the January 9, 2019 IDA Meeting.

Call to order by President Patrick Scherden:

Roll Call:

Those present were: Hector Quijada, Robert Marrufo, Florencio Lopez,  
Patrick Scherden.

Those Excused were: Ben LaForge and Roberto Fernandez.

Also Present: Jim Russell-City Manager, David Carranza-City Economic Development. Melissa Silva and Susanna Greenough from the U of A and Michael Gutierrez from the Douglas Merchant Association.

Call to the Public: No one from the public were in attendance.

Approval of the minutes from November 13, 2018: No minutes were available.

Nominations and Election of the IDA Officers for 2019 were held: Those nominated were—Patrick Scherden-President, Robert Marrufo-Vice President and Florencio Lopez- Treasurer all called three times and the Board members present approved the Officers for 2019.

Mr. Peralta was not present for a Discussion/Decision on financing for a Forklift purchase.

Discussion/Decision on U of A Downtown: Presentation from Melissa Silva and Susana Greenough of the U of A South. Discussion on the idea of a Douglas Downtown campus and questions if the U of A would help with expenses, rent, utilities, etc. Discussion on the Rivera Building for a Downtown Campus, has good parking, etc.

Discussion/Decision on the Chase Bank Building: Just an update, rumor that someone had purchased the building.

Discussion/Decision on the vacant land on 11<sup>th</sup> Street: City Mgr. Russell gave an update and advised that the Council wanted to know what was going to be built on the site, how long after the land was purchased would something be built.

Discussion/Decision on a Douglas Merchant request: Michael Gutierrez addressed the members that the Merchants Association wants to purchase and place information plaques at different sites in Douglas (Douglas Historical Walk Project) and would like the assistance from the IDA. A motion was made by Florencio Lopez and seconded by Robert Marrufo to allow the Douglas Merchant Association to use the IDA as the entity to accept and distribute the funds to pay for the project, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by President Scherden at approximately 1215.