

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026, 3:00 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

City of Arts & Innovation

- PRESENT: Chair Robillard and Vice Chair Cervantes
- ABSENT: Member Hemenway
- STAFF PRESENT: Gil Hernandez, Carlos Aguilera, Sol Garay, Rakel Engles, Anthony Beaumon, Miranda Evans, Arlene Hernandez (virtual), Melanie Bruns (virtual), Bill Kester (virtual), Donesia Gause (virtual), Diana Alegria, and others
- ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Rosibel Ochoa and Charles Henkels

Chair Robillard convened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the Committee.

PRESENTATIONS

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE SERIES: UCR OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS AND EXCITE INCUBATOR ANNUAL UPDATES

The Economic Development Committee received a presentation on the Business Excellence Series: UCR Office of Technology Partnerships and Excite Incubator Annual update.

INNOVATION MONTH: APRIL PROGRAMMING OVERVIEW & HIGHLIGHTS

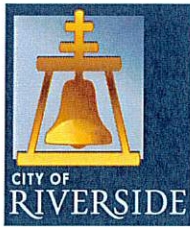
The Economic Development Committee received a presentation on Innovation Month: April Programming Overview and Highlights.

WALK THE TALK INITIATIVE: STRENGTHENED THROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Economic Development Committee received a presentation on Walk the Talk Initiative: Strengthening through Strategic Partnerships.

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK RECOGNITION & CELEBRATION: LAUNCH PROGRAM

The Economic Development Committee received a presentation on Apprenticeship Week (April 26-May 2, 2026) Recognition and Celebration: Launch Program.



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COMMUNICATIONS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK RECOGNITION

The Economic Development Committee recognized the week of May 4-11, 2026, as Economic Development Week.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There was no legislative update.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

There were no future items requested at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA
Deputy City Clerk