

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES MAY 7, 2025**

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Economic Development Board was called to order by Chair Linda Timmons at 6:52 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

### **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Present: Board Member Ernie Esparza  
Board Member Javier Gonzalez  
Vice Chair Gordon Weisenburger  
Chair Linda Timmons

Absent: Board Member David Moody

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Lindsay Thorson, Planning Commission Attorney  
John King, Planning Director  
Rick Baptista, Building and Safety Manager  
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst  
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner  
Leslie Corrales, Assistant Planner  
Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

It was moved by Board Member Gonzalez, seconded by Board Member Esparza, to excuse Board Member Moody from the Economic Development Board meeting. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Board Members Esparza and Gonzalez,  
Vice Chair Weisenburger, Chair Timmons

NOES: None

ABSENT: Board Member Moody

ABSTAIN: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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There were none.

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### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Timmons presented the Economic Development Board minutes of April 2, 2025 for approval.

It was moved by Board Member Gonzalez, seconded by Board Member Esparza, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Board Members Esparza and Gonzalez,  
Vice Chair Weisenburger, Chair Timmons  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Board Member Moody  
ABSTAIN: None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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## **REPORTS**

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### 2. ORAL REPORT

Planning Director John King introduced Management Analyst Sol Bejarano who provided a preview of the completed Public Art Master Plan, the first of its kind for the City. The plan was prepared by Gail M. Goldman Associates with Michelle Montjoy and assistance from the Latinas Art Foundation. The presentation highlighted how community engagement and public participation is a huge component in developing the Public Art Master Plan. The result of that process is the public's desire for art to reflect Paramount's diverse history, cultural heritage, demographics, and interests. The final Public Art Master Plan will be presented to the City Council on May 27, 2025.

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and staff regarding the item.

### 3. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Planning Director John King stated that the grand opening of "It's Boba Time" will be on May 22, 2025, and the Planning Commission is welcome to attend the ribbon cutting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Timmons at 7:06 p.m. to the next Economic Development Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California, at 6:00 p.m.

*/s/ Linda Timmons*

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Linda Timmons, Chair

ATTEST:

*/s/ Biana Salgado*

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Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED: June 4, 2025