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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lana Gordon at 3:30 P.M. on March 13, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Robert Olson- excused

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jason Long, Revisor of Statutes

Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Secretary Joan Wagnon, Dept. of Revenue

Mike Hutfles, Schlitterbahn Vacation Village

Jeff Boerger, Kansas Speedway

Larry Baer, League of Municipalities

Kevin Fowler, Heartland Park

Bud Burke, City of Olathe

Dale Goter, City of Wichita

Erik Sartorius, City of Overland Park

Melissa Mundt, City of Gardener

Dottie Riley, Kutak Rock LLP

Gary A. Anderson, Attorney, Gilmore & Bell

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chair reminded the Committee of the minutes for meetings of March 5, 6, 7 and 8 that had been emailed to them on Monday, March 12. She asked for their approval.

A motion was made by Representative Worley and seconded by Representative Hayzlett that these minutes be approved. The motion passed on a voice vote.

SB 316 - Codifying STAR Bond financing separately from Tax Increment Financing.

The Chair introduced Secretary Wagnon who addressed the Committee regarding the role the Department of Revenue plays in the administration of STAR bonds. She was questioning the placement of bioscience development projects in the STAR bonds portion, sections 1-22, instead of the TIF sections. (Attachment 1).

The Chair asked Bob North of the Department of Commerce, who was in the audience, what the Department's stand was on **SB 316**. He said the Department of Commerce was a proponent of the bill.

Mike Hutfles spoke to the Committee in favor of **SB 316**. (Attachment 2).

Jeff Boerger appeared as a proponent of **SB 316**. (Attachment 3). Gary Anderson appeared with Mr. Boerger.

Larry Baer testified in favor of **SB 316**. (Attachment 4).

Speaking in favor of **SB 316** was Bud Burke. (Attachment 5).

Kevin Fowler offered six amendments to **SB 316**, requesting the Committee's favorable consideration to them. (Attachment 6).

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Dale Gater introduced in his place on the agenda, Dottie Riley, who addressed the Committee in regard to an amendment offered by the City of Wichita. (Attachment 7).

Erik Sartorius offered testimony in support of **SB 316**. (Attachment 8).

Melissa Mundt addressed the Committee in support of **SB 316**. (Attachment 9). Dottie Riley also appeared with Ms Mundt.

A letter from Carol Lehman, Mayor of the City of Gardner, was submitted. (Attachment 10).

The Chair informed the Committee that, due to the intricacies of **SB 316**, she felt a sub-committee should be formed to study the bill. She asked for volunteers.

Representative Huntington would chair the Sub-Committee with Representatives Craft, Donohoe, Morrison, Rardin, Swanson, Treaster, Winn and Worley serving as members.

Hearings and possible action on bills previously scheduled will be postponed until a later date.

Copies of a Memorandum in Support of Defendants' Motion for Dismissal of Plaintiff's Claims brought by Oppenheimer and Company, Inc. versus Red Speedway, Inc., Red Capital Development, L.L.C., and Red Development, L.L.C. (Attachment 11).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. The next meeting of the full Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2007.