#### Economic Development Advisory Board

Refined Long Term Economic Development Implementation Plan Recommendation August 27, 2013

#### Today's Objective

- Refine recommendation to develop long term economic development implementation plan
  - To encourage a bias for action
  - In anticipation of \$30k budget for 2013/2014

# As a reminder, on July 11th the EDAB Recommended City Council Direct the City Manager to:

- ► Fund the development of a City of Venice Economic Development 5 Year Implementation Plan
  - Use external resource to facilitate development of initial plan including community input and joint session
  - Allocate \$10k to \$20k in 2013/2014 budget
  - Pursue grants
- Establish goal to have a completed plan by year end 2014
- Establish accountability for plan implementation by creating a dedicated Economic Development position

#### Refined Recommendation

- Make nonrecurring investment for 2013/2014 for contractual economic development resource
- Expect contractual resource to pursue already prioritized economic opportunities using plan, do, check, and adjust approach - plan plus do incrementally!
- Use learning to determine how to move forward with comprehensive, long-term ED plan, staff and funding

#### Benefits

- Allows for higher quality long term ED funding decision exploring methods and approaches before being locked into recurring funding commitment
- Provides opportunity for quick action and shorter term impact; get to breakeven or economic benefit faster
- Builds community support incrementally seeing positive impact will drive and broaden community support
- Reduces burden on city staff as contractual resource is self managing
- Brings 'full time' ED implementation expertise to bear quickly
- Increases the value contribution of EDAB as targeted economic opportunities are brought forth for consideration

#### **ED Contractual Resource Expectations**

- Gather input and facilitate consensus on already established economic development priorities (e.g. Seaboard, new hotel, airport undeveloped land – Which one do we plan/do first?)
- Research, seek, develop and report economic opportunities (individuals and business entities) for decision
- Provide insights and recommendations to EDAB, City Council and City Manager regarding economic opportunities
- Leverage appropriate federal, state, regional, and county and local economic development efforts
- Understand current conditions impacting state and county
- Be an ambassador for the city and its interests throughout the region
- Serve the City's interest as defined by the Council and City Manager

### Recommendation Supports Multiple Strategic Priorities

- Priority #4, Goal 5, Maintain a Growing and Diverse Economy, Objective 1: Develop a 10-year plan for economic development/sustainability
- Priority #5, Goal 4, Maintain/Upgrade City Infrastructure and Facilities, Objective 5: Maintain the airport as a top-notch general aviation facility, draft plan for undeveloped airport properties

## Today: EDAB Recommends City Council Direct the City Manager to:

- Issue an RFP to acquire a one year contractual relationship with an Economic Development resource
  - Define specific and narrow focus
  - Include performance based outcomes
  - Include termination option
- Establish goal to have ED resource in place by January 2014

#### Issues for Consideration

- What are the pros/cons of the alternative recommendations developing a long-term (5 year) economic development plan vs. contracting with an economic development resource to plan, do, check, adjust in smaller increments?
- How would you establish a contractual relationship with an economic development resource that drives results and mitigates risk?