

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND

The Development Corporation of Richmond convened in a regular meeting open to the public and pursuant to notice thereof duly given in accordance with Section 51.96, Development Corporation Act, Vernon's Texas Codes, in Richmond City Hall Annex within said City on July 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Directors in attendance included the following:

President, Evalyn W. Moore	Vice President, Joe Bonham
Treasurer, Barry Beard	Secretary, Carl Drozd
Jesse Torres	Robert Haas
Verge Greenwood	
City Attorney – Gary Smith	Rob Tobias, Executive Director

President Evalyn Moore opened the meeting at 6:03 and asked if there were any public comments. There were no speakers, therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item 3 was introduced by President Moore to review and approve the Minutes from the June 6, 2016 meeting. No discussion occurred and the motion was made by Director Beard to approve the minutes as is and seconded by Director Bonham. The votes were unanimous to approve.

President Moore asked for a review of the Financial Reports through June 30, 2016. There were not any questions or comments and the Financial Reports were accepted. No action was required.

Agenda item A5 was a presentation by All-Tex Networking Solutions. The company relocated to 2120 Thompson Road, to the old Capital One Bank building, that had been vacant for a number of years. The presentation was given by Mr. Hurley Johnson, the owner of the company who gave a brief history of the company that began in 1997. All-Tex Networking Solutions provides an IT Department for 17 small, rural school districts which is approximately 50% of their business. Mr. Johnson noted that other accounts include 40% commercial and the balance are government and other. Mr. Johnson commended the assistance received from the City of Richmond and looks forward to collaborating with the staff and the SBDC to grow his business.

Agenda item A6 was to review and consider taking action on the approval of the President's appointment of a By-Laws committee to review and recommend amendments to the By-Laws of the Development Corporation of Richmond. President Moore appointed Barry Beard, as well as Libby King and Valdemar Reyes, Jr., both of whom are local attorneys, with the understanding that if one of the appointees could not serve on the committee, another individual would be appointed to replace them. Director Bonham made the motion to approve these three appointees with Director Drozd seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve.

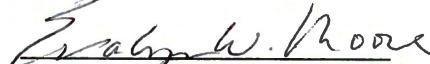
Agenda item A7 to review and consider updating the 2012 DCR Strategic Plan was addressed by Executive Director Rob Tobias. Tobias stated that there had been numerous changes in the economy since 2012 and a number of members of the board thought it was time for an update to the plan. Director

Beard stated the City has done a great job in the past plan and referred to Ron Cox who facilitated the previous Strategic Plan. Tobias asked for inputs on the facilitators to be solicited for proposals and the proposed timing for this update. A number of comments were made about potential facilitators that were both local and regional. President Moore recommended including Kendig Keast as they were intimately familiar with the City Comprehensive Master Plan, one of the guiding documents for all city and appointed boards planning. Tobias noted that he would solicit a number of proposals to update the 2012 DCR strategic plan and would provide the board an update on responses at the August board meeting.

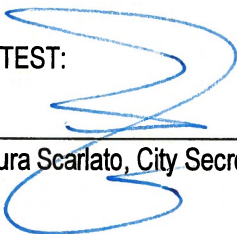
Agenda item A8 was the report from Executive Director Rob Tobias. Tobias covered a number of items noted on the monthly report, as well as referred to the recent interest in companies considering the purchase of 300-308 Morton Street. This property is anchored by Italian Maid Café, Treasure Hunters and Jay-Wood Trading. He also reminded the board that we are in the budget process and solicited their inputs. And finally, he shared that a number of groups would be making presentations at the next board meeting on Aug 9 to include the WFBMD and Cornerstone Ministries. After a brief discussion providing answers, this agenda item was closed.

There being no further business to come before the Development Corporation of Richmond, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

APPROVED:


Evalyn W. Moore, President

ATTEST:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary