

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 August 9, 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 6:00 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 July 31, 2016. There were not any questions or comments and the Financial Reports were accepted. No action was required.

Agenda item A5 to review and consider approval of the President's appointments to the By-Laws committee to review and recommend amendments to the By-Laws of the Development Corporation of Richmond was introduced by President Moore whereas it was stated that Barry Beard, Libby King and Bobby Reyes were appointed to the By-Laws Committee. Bobby Reyes declined the appointment and it was stated that President Moore would like to appoint Mr. Matt Jackson to the By-Laws Committee. Director Verge Greenwood made the motion to approve the appointment of Matt Jackson to the Committee with Director Joe Bonham seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve. Director Beard invited anyone on the DCR board to make suggestions or ideas to the By-Laws.

Agenda item A6 was to discuss and consider setting priorities for the proposed 2016-2017 annual budget and annual work plan. Economic Development Director Rob Tobias spoke before the Board regarding the budget and the various increase he sees that maybe necessary. There have been requests for travel and training by the board members, may need to consider additional advertising. There were numerous questions from the board and discussion as to the mechanics of the budget. Regarding the Annual Work Plan, Director Tobias stated the mission of the Development Corporation as service to the community, improve the quality of life and preserve heritage. Director Tobias goals are to create business, assist existing businesses, tourism, and bring in sales tax revenue. The projects that have been identified are the wayfinding signs, wayside horns, new marketing materials, and the website. Director Tobias would like to collaborate with the museum on directing tourist to the county court house and the downtown area. After a

brief discussion regarding the concerns and direction the Development Corporation should proceed, the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A7 to receive and discuss update from the West Fort Bend Management District. Board President Todd Johnson was present to address the board and update on the current status of the WFBMD. President Johnson stated the Mission Statement and introduced Executive Director Mandi Bronsell who was also present. The WFBMD is currently one of the largest districts in the state of Texas and receives the majority of its' funding from local government and is a 501c3 organization. The District feels that Richmond already has the perfect setting with its downtown, river, bridge, courthouse for development and destination where other cities have to create a pocket area for destination development. WFBMD is the perfect player to assist with the maintenance contract of the wayside horns. After a brief discussion, the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A8 to receive and discuss presentation by Cornerstone Ministries on Expansion plans. Representative Jeff Kossow was present to discuss the future plans of the church and the partnership with the City. The church is expanding and faces challenges with being located within the Historic District as well as the recent flooding event. At some point they feel they will need to sell their property and relocate and they are in hopes they can work with the City of Richmond to do so. The agenda item was closed and no action was taken.

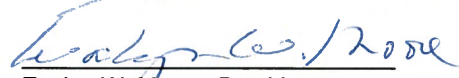
Agenda item A9 to discuss funding for the 10th Street project was presented by Finance Director Susan Lang who gave a brief history of the project and the total project costs and the various options for the board to consider for funding. Some of the concerns were the additional upgrades to the project and also depleting the Development Corporation funds that would prohibit the funding of projects that have been traditionally funded. City Attorney Gary Smith addressed the board with some concerns he has regarding the qualifications of the project. After a brief question and answer period the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A10 was the report from Economic Development Director Rob Tobias who addressed the board reporting there is a lot of interest in the Historic District. Announced the dates of Music in the Park August 19th and the next DCR meeting September 13th.

President Moore thanked the Keep Richmond Beautiful group for their study of the roses at Wessendorff Park during the flood and monitoring their survival.

There being no further business to come before the Development Corporation of Richmond, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm. The motion was made by Director Beard and seconded by Director Drozd to adjourn.

APPROVED:


Evalyn W. Moore, President

ATTEST:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary