

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 October 11, 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 5:59p.m.and asked if there were any public comments.

Ms. Laurel Wendt, owner of The Studio located at 301 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas signed up to speak and addressed the board regarding parking and future plans for the downtown growth.

Agenda item 3 was introduced by President Moore to review and approve the Minutes from the September 13, 2016 meeting. Director Torres stated that he had received direction from City Attorney Gary Smith regarding the nepotism question and he was advised to request the matter be placed as an agenda item on the next meeting. This is with regards to Matt Jackson on the Development Corporation By-Laws Review Committee. No further 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 September 30, 2016. President Moore inquired what expenses made up the Miscellaneous Account. Economic Development Director responded it is a combination of expenses related to the website, and aerial map, West Fort Bend Management District and the Pecan Festival. There were no further questions or comments and the Financial Reports were accepted. No action was required.

Agenda item A5 to review and consider taking action on the proposed changes to the Development Corporation of Richmond by-laws. Director Beard stated the drafts have been completed and have been presented to City Attorney Gary Smith for review. Following the review, the proposed changes to the by-laws will be presented to the board. There was no action required for this item, therefore it was closed.

President Moore introduced Agenda item A6, a presentation by Ryoak Development on plans for 3300-308 Morton. EDC Director Tobias stated that Ryoak was not going to be able to attend this evening. The agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A7, a presentation by Kendig Keast on the plans and timing to kick off and complete the update to the DCR strategic plan. Mr. Luis Nunez, a senior Associate with Kendig Keast Collaborative addressed the board providing a brief history of the company and the background of the past work they

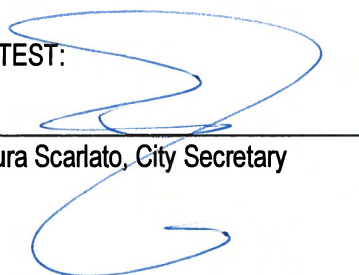
have done with the City of Richmond on the Comprehensive Master Plan. They will be under a 60 day timeline with two workshops scheduled and a driving tour to guide the board through the process of updating the Strategic Plan. Following a brief question and answer period, the agenda item was closed.

EDC Director Rob Tobias introduced Shereen Sampson, the Founder of Abigail's Place to address the board regarding a housing project. Abigail's Place was founded in January 2016 and is a 501 (c) organization to support single mothers or displaced families. They are currently working to move five bungalows from the central prison grounds to the Freeman Town area. They are from 900-1400 sq. ft. and will cost \$10 sq. ft. to relocate. Questions were asked about mold, plumbing, and electricity of which Ms. Sampson stated the organization would be responsible for the renovations of the houses. Ms. Sampson also stated the homes would not be owned by the individuals but by the organization and would be a temporary housing situation. Commissioner Beard stated the "Affordable Housing" requirements need to be researched and made sure that all definitions are met and their product falls within the parameters for the Development Corporation to be able to support the project. Ms. Sampson stated she would review the requirements and the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item A9 was the report from Economic Development Director Rob Tobias who addressed the board reporting there is a lot of interest in a restaurant and the fire station. Announced the dates of the next DCR meeting November 15th.


There being no further business to come before the Development Corporation of Richmond, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm. The motion was made by Director Torres and seconded by Director Beard to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Evalyn W. Moore, President