

FARMERSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES February 8, 2010

The Farmersville Community Development Corporation met in regular session on February 8, 2010 at the Best Community Conference Center with the following board members present: Doug Dann, Bill Daniel, Loydell Seward, Jim Dawkins, and Diane Piwko.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS/VISITORS

Vice Chairman Dawkins welcomed Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf, Chamber President Ben White, City Manager John Moran, Libby Buuck and Guy Giersch.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Dawkins convened the meeting at 5:45 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present after roll call by Adah Leah Wolf.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL JANUARY 11, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Bill Daniel, and a second by Doug Dann, the Board approved the meeting minutes of January 11, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL JANUARY 2010 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & EXPENSES

On a motion by Diane Piwko and a second by Loydell Seward, the Board approved the financial statements of January 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager John Moran reported that the city will be annexing the Chaparral Trail up to Merit. This process requires public hearings. He is interested in contacting the city of Paris to see how we could connect the trail. He suggested a field trip to see the rails to trail in Mineral Wells and asked who might be interested in attending. Diane Piwko and Loydell Seward expressed an interest in attending. He explained that railroad quiet zones could be requested if the residents are concerned. Diane Piwko questioned Moran about the consumption of alcohol in downtown residential areas, which is a current City Council agenda item.

UPDATE ON NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION PROGRESS

Libby Buuck and Guy Giersch reported on the progress of the nomination of a historical downtown commercial district. The district boundary map was shown, as well as a sample photo and application form for one building (the Farmersville Times/Masonic Lodge Building). All the contributing buildings have been photographed. Buuck and Giersch reviewed the reasons to create this historic district, and presented a handout. Their recommendations included running some "teaser" articles in the newspaper about the project, re-photographing some buildings whose front facades have recently changed, and establishing a subcommittee to help with tasks such as contacting building owners for additional information. They recommended Loydell Seward and Jim Dawkins help in this capacity, since Seward is currently Chair of the Collin County Historical Commission, and Dawkins is Chairman of the Main Street Board. Buuck and Giersch will continue to update the 4B board on progress.

MAIN STREET MANAGER UPDATE

Adah Leah Wolf presented a written report, and highlighted the following for January:

Manager gave a presentation to the Collin County Area Realtors Mtg on "Using Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps to research historic buildings." A report was submitted to the Collin County Historical Commission on current preservation projects, for the Collin County historical coalition meeting in January. The weather during the January and February Farmers & Fleas Markets was very cold, however the market did draw vendors and shoppers. The Audie Murphy Day Committee has begun meeting in preparation for this year's event; Jim Foy and Joe Helmberger are co-chairs. Historic photos and information about Farmersville is now highlighted on www.texasescapes.com. The Porter Auto Store façade is under reconstruction. The

new owners of 113 McKinney Street attended the downtown merchants meeting, and will give a tour of their building. Downtown properties for sale or lease sheet has been updated. Manager will attend Main Street training in Waxahachie in February.

CHAMBER SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

Ben White, President of the Farmersville Chamber, presented a summary of the Chamber's activities, and described improvements planned for the coming year. He requested a banquet sponsorship donation from 4B in the amount of \$1,000. Last year 4B sponsored at the \$750 level. White told the Board that March 5 is the deadline for sponsors to be listed in the program; however, they may still donate after that time. Diane Piwko expressed her concern that the Chamber membership is small and that donating to this group would open the door to other groups to ask for money. Bill Daniel made the motion to table the issue until the next meeting; Doug Dann seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

UPDATE GAZEBO SOUND SYSTEM Adah Leah Wolf spoke to Charles Massey, who indicated he would be interested in assisting with this project. Diane Piwko to follow up with Massey.

COMMITTEE'S UPDATE AND PROGRESS REPORT ON 2009-2010 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1. MAIN STREET- Jim Dawkins reported that Main Street is working on downtown signs for vacant buildings, highlighting the history and photos of the old buildings. This would appeal to history buffs. These signs could be made permanent at a later date.
2. CHAPARRAL TRAIL LIGHTING AND SCHEMATIC DRAWING
Daniel and Brown are working on the schematic. Caprock has installed the 5 new light poles. Bench locations to be decided later.
3. NATURE AUDIT- no report given
4. SOUTHLAKE IMPROVEMENTS – no report given
5. CITIZENSHIP FARMERSVILLE – Diane Piwko spoke to Deb Fitzgerald of the McKinney Chamber but their program is not comparable as it is so large.
6. DRIP WATERING BID: Jim Dawkins asked Chris Reavis to submit an estimate. Adah Leah Wolf to ask John Moran if he knows a company that would like to bid. As an alternative, Doug Dann will check on silica spikes.
7. HIGHWAY BILLBOARDS: Diane Piwko reported that 2 are available on Hwy 380 in Princeton; they rent for \$250 per month with a year contract and initial artwork is \$300. Billboard on 78 South and South of Greenville rent for \$400/ mo.
8. MOVIES IN THE PARK: Carol Tapp will coordinate movies; Diane Piwko will be 4B Board liaison.

ROUNDTABLE WRAP-UP & DISCUSSION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Next meeting scheduled for March 8, 2010. Agenda items: Chamber donation, watering system

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Loydell Seward, seconded by Doug Dann, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

George Crump, President

ATTEST:

Loydell Seward, Secretary