

FARMERSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES November 9, 2009

The Farmersville Community Development Corporation met in regular session on November 9, 2009 at the Best Community Conference Center with the following board members present: George Crump, Doug Dann, Bill Daniel, Loydell Seward, Jim Dawkins, and Diane Piwko.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS/VISITORS

Chairman Crump welcomed City Manager John Moran, Adah Leah Wolf, Paul Kelley, Mary Garcia, Joe Barton, Billy Long, Pansy Anderson, Fred Langford, and Albert Evans.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Crump 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 OCTOBER 12, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Diane Piwko, and a second by Jim Dawkins, the Board approved the meeting minutes of October 12, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OCTOBER 2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & EXPENSES

On a motion by Bill Daniel and a second by Loydell Seward, the Board approved the financial statements of October 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

GARDEN CLUB PRESENTATION

Garden Club members Pansy Anderson and Mary Garcia were present, along with Homegrown Plants business owner Albert Evans. They presented a request for the 4B Board to pay for a timed drip irrigation system for the median in the downtown area. This would make watering much easier, and would help to ensure the health of the plants in hanging baskets as well as in pots in the median. Homegrown Plants owner Albert Evans offered to continue to donate the plants in the downtown planters and baskets, and he offered to share contacts of companies who can do this kind of work. Bill Daniel and Adah Leah Wolf to meet with Albert Evans to secure bids for this project.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager John Moran reported that he is working to familiarize himself with all aspects of the city.

MAIN STREET MANAGER UPDATE

Adah Leah Wolf presented a written report, and highlighted the following for October: Several Farmers & Fleas Market vendors also participated in Old Time Saturday this year. National Night Out at the Onion Shed had good participation despite bad weather. Manager gave step-on bus tour to the Northern Collin County Leadership class, as well as a presentation to the Farmersville Rotary Club and the Farmersville Garden Club. The Greenville Rubbermaid plant held 2 employee appreciation parties at the Onion Shed. The Texas Chefs Association toured downtown and was given goodie bags. The Laube building lost 2 rear exterior windows. The upper façade of the Porter Auto Store and Sugar Hill Patio Room buildings collapses late at night on October 15. No one was injured. Both owners are planning repairs/renovations. Downtown Merchants worked with the Chamber to produce a very successful Scare on the Square event on Oct. 31. Downtown merchants are making plans for Christmas events. Manager attended Texas Downtown Association annual conference in Tyler, where Farmersville was honored with National Main Street City recognition for the 10th year

REPORT ON CHAPARRAL TRAIL

Joe Barton explained the background history of the Chaparral Trail as well as its current situation. He and Charlie Whitaker serve on the non-profit Chaparral Trail Board. That board sold 6 miles of

the trail to the City of Farmersville, and a 1 mile section to the city of Celeste. The non-profit organization owns the rest, and has been working on securing grants for its development. The trail has a 100' easement. It begins at the Onion Shed, and continues for 56.2 miles, to two miles South of Paris, TX.

SOLAR LIGHTING FOR SIGN ON HWY 78

Diane Piwko reported that solar lighting for the sign would cost approximately \$600. If the lights were placed in the ground around the sign they could become damaged or stolen. Her recommendation was to place them above the sign, which would add height to the sign, and might require requesting a variance of the sign ordinance. No action taken.

FEASIBILITY STUDY ON DIGITAL EVENT MARQUEE

George Crump reported that he, Bill Daniel and Adah Leah Wolf had met with Craig Johnson to discuss digital sign options and possible locations. George Crump to gather information and report back to board.

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

1. MAIN STREET- JIM DAWKINS Dawkins reported that the Main Street Board had met during the month and was on track.
2. CHAPARRAL TRAIL BENCHES & LIGHTING - BILL DANIEL Daniel and Dawkins met with City Manager to discuss. Caprock will begin on lighting and city ready to proceed with benches and mile markers.
3. BEST CENTER PROJECTION /OVERHEAD EQUIPMENT- DOUG DANN specifics for the purchase have been given to Daphne Hamlin, Finance Director
4. NATURE AUDIT- GEORGE CRUMP Crump has made contact with Texas Parks & Wildlife and a representative will visit in November.
5. SOUTHLAKE IMPROVEMENTS - JIM DAWKINS, BILL DANIEL Dawkins presented a written report, and will work with city to identify costs and responsibilities. Specifics would include lighting with timer for parking lot and boat ramp; timer on watering system, and power for pavilion, restrooms, and waste treatment system.
6. CITIZENSHIP FARMERSVILLE – DIANE PIWKO Piwko presented ideas in a written report and discussed other city's programs. She welcomed comments on these ideas from Board members.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for December 14.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Bill Daniel, seconded by Jim Dawkins, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

George Crump, President

ATTEST:

Debra Jordan, Secretary