

FARMERSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES July 11, 2011

The Farmersville Community Development Corporation met in regular session on July 11, 2011 at the Best Community Conference Center with the following board members present: Loydell Seward, Jim Dawkins, Bill Daniel, Diane Piwko, Charlie Whitaker, David Reynolds, and Del Sergent.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS/VISITORS

Vice Chairman Dawkins welcomed Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf, Mayor Joe Helmberger, City Public Works Director Ben White, Chamber President Chris Lair, City Council liaison Billy Long, and Farmersville Historical Society representatives Deb Helmberger, Candy Miller, and Patty Walker.

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.

SWEAR IN AND WELCOME NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

New Board members Del Sergent, Charlie Whitaker and David Reynolds were welcomed. They had been sworn in last week by the City Secretary.

REORGANIZE 4B BOARD

On a motion by Daniel and a second by Sergent, Jim Dawkins was nominated as Chairman. With no opposition, Dawkins named Chairman. On a motion by Dawkins and a second by Bill Daniel, Charlie Whitaker was nominated for Vice Chairman. On a motion by Seward, and a second by Del Sergent, Diane Piwko was nominated for Vice Chairman. After a vote, Whitaker elected Vice Chairman. On a motion by Bill Daniel and a second by Del Sergent, Loydell Seward was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. With no opposition, Seward named Secretary/Treasurer.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL JUNE 13, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Bill Daniel, and a second by Del Sergent, the Board approved the meeting minutes of June 13, 2011 as written.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL JUNE 2011 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & EXPENSES

On a motion by Loydell Seward, and a second by Bill Daniel, the Board approved the financial statement and expenses from June 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

RECEIVE PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE FROM BEN WHITE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Ben White distributed a summary of Public Works Accomplishments, and summarized: The Spain Athletic Complex plan is being fleshed out, with fencing estimates, and estimates for field leveling, dugouts, parking and lighting improvements. Fertilization application applied; foot ball field grass is filling in. Irrigation improvements are ongoing.

The electricity at Southlake Park is connected and turned on: Outlets and lighting currently being installed. This year's budget will cover Phase I and most of Phase II. Sidewalks updates are scheduled for July (ADA compliance), and the old Country Club building will be demolished.

Chaparral Trail has progressed due to volunteer cleanup efforts by Modern Fitness and Helmberger family volunteers. Farmersville will host the next Friends of the Trails meeting at the Civic Center on August 16. The last one was in DeKalb and had attendees from many North Texas counties.

CONSIDER ITEM FOR 2011-12 BUDGET; HISTORICAL SOCIETY-MUSEUM/DISPLAY-CANDY MILLER

Candy Miller presented a request from the Farmersville Historical Society to consider financial assistance for the creation of a Farmersville Historical Museum in the downtown area. This would be in addition to the Bain Honaker House, and would provide a needed venue for display of valuable historical materials in the collection, as well as become a catalyst for obtaining more donations from the community. The Historical Society has several members willing to work on this museum planning. After discussion, the 4B Board members were interested in continuing this

conversation. Bill Daniel made the motion to study this project further with the creation of a museum planning committee comprised of himself, Jim Dawkins, and Charlie Whitaker. Del Sergent seconded the motion, which passed. Wolf offered staff assistance. Diane Piwko suggested the possibility that such a downtown museum might be combined with the Visitor's Center, thus allowing the museum to be staffed on a regular basis. The planning committee will consider all ideas.

CONSIDER ITEM FOR 2011-12 BUDGET; CHAMBER BIKE RIDE-CHRIS LAIR

Lair provided handouts, and described the first Trick it Up Bike Race, planned by the Chamber as a fundraiser for October 29. This would become an annual event. He is requesting the 4B board consider sponsorship of this new event to help it get established. Wolf to email information about the event to the Committee for consideration.

CONSIDER ITEM FOR 2011-12 BUDGET; SOUND AMPLIFICATION FOR DOWNTOWN-BEN WHITE

The sound system design has not begun yet, although input was received from Jim Foy regarding potential problems with phasing.

CONSIDER ITEM FOR 2011-12 BUDGET; VISITORS CENTER AWNING REPLACEMENT-BEN WHITE

Committee asked White to price canvas and metal options.

CONSIDER ITEM FOR 2011-12 BUDGET; SPLASHPAD AND OTHER PARKS IMPROVEMENTS-BEN WHITE

White is pricing options for Splashpad restroom, Splashpad walkway, and for Splashpad water reclamation/irrigation system.

MAIN STREET MANAGER UPDATE

Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf kept her report short due to the late hour. She presented a written report for June, along with expenses, an updated Main Street accomplishments flier, and a copy of the New York Times article about Audie Murphy Day which ran in the June 17, 2011 issue. Noteworthy downtown events were highlighted: Patti and Kevin Meguire have purchased the McGuire Building at 301 McKinney for offices. Adam and Heather Reed have moved their wholesale reptile breeding/sales business into 101 Candy Street. Committee members were asked to welcome Bryan and Donna Williams, who have opened Red Door Antiques at 113 McKinney.

FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENTS; \$7500 GRASS SEEDING/FERTILIZATION, \$1200 FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHT EVENTS

On a motion by Bill Daniel, and a second by Diane Piwko, budget amended to add \$7500 for Grass Seeding/fertilization program, and \$1200 for Family Activity Nights. Motion carried. Del Sergent to be liaison to Parks Board.

DISCUSSION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Budget discussion for FY 2011-2012 to continue; Ben White to present Chaparral Trail plans and request matching money for grant; Bike Ride to be considered. Charlie Whitaker to make recommendations for a Chaparral Trail Head sign at the Onion Shed.

ADJOURN

On a motion to adjourn by Bill Daniel, seconded by Del Sergent, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Jim Dawkins, Chairman

Attest:

Loydell Seward, Secretary