

FARMERSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD (4B)
MINUTES August 12, 2013 – DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

The Farmersville Community Development Corporation Board met on August 12, 2013 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. President Leaca Caspari convened the meeting at 5:46 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present after roll call. The following board members were present: Leaca Caspari, Donna Williams, Barbara Stooksberry and David Ketcher. Absent: Dick Seward, Phillip Weiss and David Reynolds. President Caspari welcomed City Councilman Jim Foy, City Manager Ben White, City Secretary Edie Sims, Ricky Sims, Steve Caspari, Diane Piwko and Bertie Neu. Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf present at meeting after Executive Session.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER PHIL WEISS

On a motion by David Ketcher and a second by Barbara Stooksberry, the Board accepted Phil Weiss' resignation and recommended submitting to City Council for final action.

PUBLIC HEARING – RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED 4B BUDGET AND GOALS FOR 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:48 p.m. with no one coming forward in favor of the proposed budget. Diane Piwko came before the Board opposing the proposed budget regarding the National Registry project. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:54 p.m.

CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND ACT UPON THE FINAL 4B BUDGET AND GOALS FOR 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR

David Ketcher motioned to recommend the 4B Budget and Goals for 2013-2014 as presented with Donna Williams seconding the motion and passed the full Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF LEGAL MATTERS AS PERMITTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

RECONVENE AND TAKE ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. and took no action from the Executive Session.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL JULY 29, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Donna Williams motioned to approve the minutes as presented with David Ketcher seconding the motion and passed the full Board.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ITEMS FOR PAYMENT

The Board reviewed the items for payment with City Manager Ben White indicating the irrigation project is half-way complete. Donna Williams motioned to accept the checks as presented for payment with Barbara Stooksberry seconding the motion and passed the full Board.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JULY 2013 AND REQUIRED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Donna Williams motioned to accept the Financial Statements as presented with David Ketcher seconding the motion and passed the full Board.

MONTHLY MAIN STREET PROGRAM UPDATE—ADAH LEAH WOLF

Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf provided a written monthly report for July, and highlighted the following: Façade work on Austin’s Cleaners is now complete! Everyone is invited to attend a celebration reception on August 15, from 6-8 PM. The Farmersville Heritage Museum board was able to secure a substantial amount of old lumber and tin from the railroad’s shed on S. Main which has been torn down. The materials will be used for museum construction, as well as for maintenance of the city’s Onion Shed. Manager has met with Belinda Alonso, to assist her with information as she develops a walking historic tour of downtown. The Audie Murphy Day Committee had their final wrap up meeting. Many photographs were obtained from volunteer photographers. Sponsorships received this year covered all costs of the event. Manager and several downtowners attended Chamber workshop on Facebook promotions. On July 22, a Visual Merchandising Workshop was given by Sarah Jane Blankenship from the Texas Main Street office in Austin. It was well attended, and was followed by on five on-site merchant visits. Downtown median irrigation upgrades are half completed. Amy’s Car Wash location has begun construction on a nail salon and Laundromat. The July downtown merchants meeting was hosted by Shop WagJack. It has recently opened at 206 McKinney Street, and carries antiques and home furnishings. Big Tacos Restaurant has opened at 124 McKinney Street, and they will host the downtown merchants get together on August 15. Ellee’s Eatery held a successful “Men’s Night Out”, and Anlyn Brothers Coffee has now hosted two “Ladies Night Out” events.

CITY MANAGER REPORT—BEN WHITE

City Manager Ben White presented a written monthly update for July, and highlighted the following: The Onion Shed security system is nearly installed. Freedom Plaza flagpole upgrade will consist of one large 40’ pole, which can accommodate a variety of flag hanging options. This will not be as costly as previously projected, which will allow another flagpole installation near the E. side of the Onion Shed. The cost of this set of 3 poles will be shared by the Audie Murphy Day Committee. New flooring has been selected for the Senior Center. New fence pickets are under construction around the Bain-Honaker House. The Splash Pad is open and getting lots of use. The Chaparral Trail Grant work, (provided by the Collin County Open Space grant) is nearly complete, with minor construction items remaining such as grass, bollards, and culvert.

DISCUSSION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

The board will meet next on September 9, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Caspari adjourned the meeting at 6:46 PM.

Signatures:

Leaca Caspari, President

David Reynolds, Secretary