

FARMERSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD (4B)

MINUTES ~ May 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

The Farmersville Community Development Corporation Board met on May 11, 2015 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. President Leaca Caspari convened the meeting at 5:51 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present after roll call. The following board members were present: Leaca Caspari, Donna Williams, Paul Kelly, and Dick Seward. President Caspari welcomed Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf, and City Manager Ben White.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL APRIL 13, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Paul Kelly motioned to accept the April 13, 2015 minutes as written. Donna Williams seconded the motion, which passed the full Board.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ITEMS FOR PAYMENT

Paul Kelly motioned to approve the items presented for payment; Dick Seward seconded the motion, which passed the full board.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR APRIL 2015 AND ANY REQUIRED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Paul Kelly motioned to accept the April 2015 financial statements as presented. Donna Williams seconded the motion, which passed the full board.

REVIEW CURRENT GRANT REQUEST FORMAT

There was discussion of updated desired on the grant request form. A revised form will be presented for review at the next board meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT—BEN WHITE

Ben White reported on the current progress of Highway 380. Progress on the Chaparral Trail includes the following areas: bollards, trashcans, benches, and kiosks (which have been ordered). A rainy month has helped us to identify drainage issues on the trail. The concrete bridge is in place; it still lacks railings. The wet season has delayed mowing around the city. Park restrooms continue to be vandalized. The Splash pad is operational. A Parks planner will be coming on board; the selection process is ongoing at this time. Museum construction on the small Onion Shed continues. The city has worked with Fisd as they plan construction of the football stadium.

MAIN STREET MANAGER UPDATE—ADAH LEAH WOLF

Adah Leah Wolf presented a written report, and highlighted the following: A Public hearing will be held at City Council tomorrow regarding the National Register District nomination progress. The Farmersville Heritage Museum has received approximately \$49,000 in individual donations to date. There were about 35 participants in this year's Chalk the Walk event on May 2. The E-newsletter list for "friends of downtown" totals 697 and has a 42% open rate (as compared to an industry average of 14%). Cutting Horse Barbershop, owned by Laura England, is now open at 116 McKinney. Spivey Cakes Bakery, owned by Donna Spivey, is now open at 120 McKinney Street. The downtown merchants get together

next month will be held at the Rike Library. The Pink Pug's style show and event will be this Saturday at the Onion Shed. The second annual Taste of Farmersville will be on May 23. The Downtown Shopper's Guide as currently revised lists 61 businesses/ places of interest in it. In 2004 the same guide only had 35 listings.

DISCUSSION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

The next meeting will be on June 8, 2015. If the City Council has board appointments ready, the appointees will be sworn in and the board will be reorganized. Initial discussions regarding 2016 budget will begin. The revised grant application form will be reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Caspari adjourned the meeting at 6:54 PM. The board thanked Caspari for her able leadership, and congratulated her on her new duties as a member of City Council.

Signatures:

Leaca Caspari, President

Donna K. Williams, Secretary