

FARMERSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD (4B)

MINUTES ~ August 8, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

The Farmersville Community Development Corporation Board met on August 8, 2016 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. President Donna Williams convened the meeting at 5:45 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present after roll call. The following board members were present: Donna Williams, Cynthia Craddock-Clark, Kim Potter, Katherine Hershey and John Politz. President Williams welcomed Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf, City Manager Ben White, City Council Liaison Leaca Caspari, John Hickman, Lisa Eastman, Jim Foy, Linda Foy, Bertie Neu, and Steve Caspari.

PUBLIC HEARING

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED 4B BUDGET AND GOALS FOR 2017 FISCAL YEAR

A public hearing was opened by Donna Williams at 5:46 PM, to receive public comments on the proposed 4B budget and goals for the 2017 Fiscal Year. Speaking for were the following: Jim Foy spoke on behalf of the Farmersville Heritage Museum, thanking the 4B board for their continued support, and supporting the budget as a whole. John Hickman spoke on behalf of the Farmersville Chamber, thanking the 4b Board for their support of the Chamber. Bertie Neu spoke on behalf of the Farmersville Historical Society, indicating that 4B support will maintain the foundation work on the Bain Honaker House. President asked for speakers opposed to the proposed 4B Budget and Goals for the 2017 Fiscal Year and there were none. There being no further public comments, President Williams closed the public hearing at 5:48 PM.

CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND ACT UPON THE FINAL 4B BUDGET AND GOALS FOR 2017 FISCAL YEAR

John Politz made a motion to approve the proposed 4B budget and goals for 2017 Fiscal Year as presented; motion was seconded by Kim Potter and passed unanimously.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL JULY 11, 2016 AND JULY 25, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Kim Potter made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2016 and July 25, 2016 as written. Motion was seconded by John Politz and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ITEMS FOR PAYMENT

Kim Potter made a motion to approve items presented for payment. Motion was seconded by Cynthia Craddock-Clark and passed unanimously. Donna Williams suggested including a work log on the invoices for Debbie Ranspot.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JULY 2016 AND ANY REQUIRED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Cynthia Craddock-Clark made a motion to approve the July 2016 financial statements as presented. Kim Potter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MAIN STREET MANAGER UPDATE

Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf presented a written report for July 2016, and highlighted the following: The summer Main Street professional development sessions in Rockwall were attended by the Manager, Donna Williams, and Randy Rice and they were very informative and inspiring. The Main Street board has reorganized, with Anne Hall as President, Randy Rice as Vice President, and Kim Smith Cole as Secretary/ Treasurer. Manager attended the Marketing Committee meeting on July 18. Jonathan Hoar completed his Eagle Scout project, improving the slide landing area at City Park. The Crowder

building renovations are nearly completed at 119 S. Main Street. They will be opening "Simplexity" store in September. The Potter building is undergoing interior renovations after the fire damage. The fence along the Chaparral Trail between the trail head and College Street has been replaced, funded by 4B. A Public Information meeting was held on July 20, conducted by Judy De la Garza and Greg Smith from the Texas Historical Commission. The application is complete and goes to the State Board of Review in September. From there it goes to the National Park Service for final approval. There have already been several inquiries about the lease space at 113 McKinney Street. Spivey Cakes has closed and there is already a new tenant at 120 McKinney Street-Misty Dixon will be opening The Hay Loft, a boutique. Farmersville Family Medical Center is providing free snow cones on Tuesday from 3-6 PM. The DFW Yarn Crawl event will be from August 19-28. Fiber Circle and Fancy Fibers will be participating with special events. August 27 will see the classic cars going on their Bugtussle Trek gather downtown at 7:45AM. Adah Leah presented the Downtown Reinvestment Statistics graph showing yearly comparisons at the end of the second quarter. This is a good way to document economic impact, and it allows the Texas Main Street to show statewide progress as well.

Donna Williams commented that the Main Street training sessions in Rockwall were excellent, and showed that the Farmersville Main Street Program is doing well.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Ben White presented a written report for July 2016, and highlighted the following: He thanked the board for its support of ongoing city projects and noted that all of these projects will help our community. We are working on a grant for the J.W. Spain Complex. The splash pad water cannons have held up well. The city is considering relocating the splash pad controls so that they will wear better. The slide work is complete in City Park-Jonathan Hoar did a good job with adding engineered wood fiber to the landing area. Ben is working with a company exploring options for a fiber optic loop that would connect City Hall, Library, Public Safety Building and Public Works. It would provide a huge improvement in internet speed and would allow the capability of security cameras as part of the system. There has been continued vandalism at Southlake Park. The Senior Center is in need of parking lot concrete and lighting improvements. Kevin Lisman has been hired as a fulltime Fire Department staff. TXDOT has approved warning lights near the schools on Highway 380. The railroad project continues. Code compliance is working with the owner of the fire damaged property downtown on the clean-up of the area.


DISCUSSION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS


The next meeting will be held on September 12, 2016 at 5:45 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM

Signatures:


Donna Williams, President


John Politz, Secretary