

FARMERSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD (4B)

MINUTES ~ June 27, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

The Farmersville Community Development Corporation Board met on June 27, 2016 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. President Paul Kelly convened the meeting at 5:31 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present after roll call. The following board members were present: Donna Williams, Paul Kelly, John Garcia, Cynthia Craddock-Clark, Kim Potter, Mike Goldstein, and Dick Seward. President Kelly welcomed Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf, City Council Liaison Leaca Caspari, Mayor Diane Piwko, City Manager Ben White, incoming board members Katherine Hershey and John Politz, as well as Parks Board members.

SWEAR IN NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Paula Jackson swore in new board member, John Politz; and swore in second term board member John Garcia.

REORGANIZE BOARD

Paul Kelly opened the floor for nominations for President. Kim Potter nominated Donna Williams for President. Williams accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received. Board voted unanimously in favor of Williams to serve as President.

Paul Kelly opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Mike Goldstein nominated John Garcia, who did not accept the nomination. Donna Williams nominated Mike Goldstein for vice president; Goldstein accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received. Board voted unanimously in favor of Goldstein for Vice President.

Paul Kelly opened the floor for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Donna Williams nominated John Politz for Secretary/Treasurer; Politz accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received. Board voted unanimously in favor of Politz for Secretary/Treasurer.

PRESENTATION BY HALFF ASSOCIATES REGARDING PARKS PLAN (IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARKS BOARD) City Manager Ben White provided background information before the presentation: he reviewed the city survey results which related to the public's perception of quality of life priorities, and perceptions of park-related community needs.

SWEAR IN NEW BOARD MEMBER

Paula Jackson swore in new board member, Katherine Hershey

PRESENTATION BY HALFF ASSOCIATES REGARDING PARKS PLAN (IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARKS BOARD) Lenny Hughes with Halff Associates presented a review of the parks planning process which is currently underway. The process involves gaining an understanding of the following: inventory and analysis, participation, supply, demand, utilization and need. Currently the city

owns 10 acres in the Spain Athletic Complex; an additional 27.5 acres of adjacent land is being purchased by the Farmersville Community Development Corporation.

Hughes provided a site analysis, a review of the condition of the following aspects: parking, lighting, shade, topography, drainage, fencing, ADA compliance issues, turf fields, undeveloped property, seating, scoreboards, Chaparral Trail, bollards, traffic calming measures, pedestrian crossings, signage.

Hughes then provided a review of potential parks programs and amenities, using various other cities' park programs as examples. Potential programs include: Dog Park, playgrounds, basketball, Skate Park, volleyball, picnic areas, artwork, unique architecture, plantings, and more.

Hughes then solicited input from the audience, to gauge concerns, desires, and needs. The following were named by members present: (* heaviest emphasis on these areas)

- Parking and safety issues concerning pedestrians and moving vehicles, particularly where the Chaparral Trail intersects with the street and park. *
- An indoor multipurpose center *
- Amphitheater
- Children's play areas *
- High quality fields that would attract tournaments; these would generate rental income— possible reconfiguration of fields to make them better
- Shaded seating areas
- Concession stand upgrades and restroom upgrades
- Soccer
- Drainage and water reuse
- Upgrade of streets and signage
- Botanical garden and education about native vegetation, incorporate open space

City Manager White emphasized the need for easy, low cost maintenance of any planned facilities.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL MAY 9, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Kim Potter motioned to accept the May 9, 2016 minutes as written. Mike Goldstein seconded the motion, which passed the full board.

RESOLUTION FOR INDEPENDENT BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATURES

Mike Goldstein motioned to place the President, Donna Williams, and the Secretary/Treasurer, John Politz, on the signature card for the account at Independent Bank. John Politz seconded the motion, which passed the full board.

RESOLUTION FOR TEXPOOL ACCOUNT SIGNATURES

Kim Potter motioned to place the President, Donna Williams, and the Secretary/Treasurer, John Politz, on the signature card for the TexPool account. Mike Goldstein seconded the motion, which passed the full board.

APPOINT 4B LIAISON TO MAIN STREET BOARD

After discussion, Cynthia Craddock Clark motioned that Donna Williams be the 4B liaison to the Main Street Board. Katherine Hershey seconded the motion, which passed the full board.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ITEMS FOR PAYMENT

Kim Potter motioned to approve the items presented for payment; John Garcia seconded the motion, which passed the full board.

DISCUSS PROPOSAL FOR REPAIRS TO FENCE – BEN WHITE

White presented a proposal for repairs to the fence along the East side of the Chaparral Trail, from the trailhead area to College Street. The original fence is leaning and in danger of collapse; it was built as an 8 foot fence, but using 6 foot construction technique. The proposal from Smith Fence is for \$15,800 and includes tear down and removal of the old fence. The board questioned whether the fence would be custom made.

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

Kim Potter motioned to amend the budget by \$15,800 to allow for replacement of the fence in question by Smith Fence, contingent upon it being a custom built fence. Motion seconded by John Politz, which passed the full board. John Politz motioned to accept the financial statements as written. Motion seconded by Cynthia Craddock Clark, which passed the full board.

CITY MANAGER REPORT—BEN WHITE

City Manager Ben White presented an oral report: the railroad is completing the last portion of the improvements, which should be completed within a month. The completed city survey results will be presented at City Council tomorrow night. The lighting of the flags at the Onion Shed is in progress. Everyone was encouraged to attend the Sparks of Freedom fireworks on the 4th of July.


MAIN STREET MANAGER UPDATE—ADAH LEAH WOLF

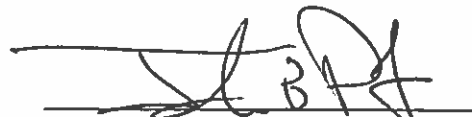
Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf presented a written report for May, and highlighted the following: Randy Rice was appointed to the Main Street Board, and will succeed Sarah Jackson Butler. The WWII living history group was a welcome new attraction to Audie Murphy Day this year. The event received 38 cash donations totaling approximately \$15,000, which will pay for this year’s expenses. Lisa and Matt Crowder have applied for a façade grant for their building at 119 S. Main Street. They plan on opening their retail store “Simplexity” in August. Farmersville Thrift Store has closed due to the business owners health; however, the building has been rented by Martha Messer, who is opening “Martha’s Thrift” store soon. Mismatched Matter recently celebrated its 3rd year of operation; Main Street music Hall celebrated its 15th year of operation. The Farmers & Fleas Market will be held this Saturday, July 2.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM. The next meeting will be on July 11, 2016

Signatures:


Donna Williams, President


John Politz, Secretary