

MCKINNEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MAY 23, 2013

The McKinney Community Development Corporation met in regular session in the Dowdy Board Room, 5900 S. Lake Forest Drive, Suite 110, McKinney, Texas, on May 23, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

Chairman George Fuller called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Board members present: George Fuller, Michael Puhl, Kevin Griffin, Colleen Smith, and Scott Elliott. Board members Dan Hall and Jason Burress were absent.

Staff present: Executive Director Cindy Schneible and Administrative Assistant Connie Gibson.

There were several guests present.

13-508 Minutes of the McKinney Community Development Corporation Board Meeting of April 25, 2013. Board member Michael Puhl made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Kevin Griffin. The motion passed.

13-509 Minutes of the McKinney Community Development Corporation and McKinney Economic Development Corporation Joint Meeting of April 25, 2013. Kevin Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Elliott seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13-510 April 2013 Financial Report. Sales tax continues to come in strong. Sales tax receipts for April showed a 20% increase over April 2012. The total sales tax receipts for April were \$676,334.

13-511 Check Requests for April 2013. There were no questions regarding checks issued in April.

13-512 Board and Liaison Updates
Chamber of Commerce

- The "Serve McKinney" Open House has been scheduled for June 13th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at Collin Higher Education Center.
- Applications for the 2013-2014 *Leadership McKinney* class are being accepted through June 21st.
- The Collin College election run-off will be held June 11th. The two candidates are Adrian Rodriguez and Jim Orr.
- The state legislative session closes this week. The senate has passed House Bill 500, which provides tax relief for business, and

keeps the one million dollar exemption on the franchise tax for small and micro businesses.

City Manager

- During the May 21st City Council meeting Mayor Loughmiller, Mayor Pro tem Ussery, and Councilman Day were sworn in for their second term of office. Randy Pogue was sworn in to begin his first term as City Councilman.
- A third deputy city manager position has been approved by City Council.
- Pecan Grove Cemetery will hold their annual Memorial Day Ceremony beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 27th. Lunch will be provided after the ceremony.

Mayor

- Council liaisons will be assigned to six of the city boards: MCDC, MEDC, MCVB, Main Street, CCADB, and P & Z. Each board will have two council members assigned.
- The “Smiles Charity” concert is scheduled for Sunday, May 26th from 5:00-10:00. The concert will be held at Adriatica, and is free to the public.
- PlayTri Grand Opening is Thursday, May 23rd. The triathlon store is located in Craig Ranch and is the largest store of this kind in the country.

Collin County Regional Airport

- The tower will continue to be funded by the FAA through 2013.
- The airport just received a five million dollar grant from the state to rehabilitate the area around the tower.
- The Collin County Airport Development Board continues to work with City Council to finalize the updates to the strategic plan.
- Minor damage was sustained at the airport during the recent storm.

Main Street & MPAC

- The “Bike the Bricks” criterium bike race event is Friday, May 24th in downtown McKinney.
- MPAC has held comedy nights on Wednesday evenings during the month of May.
- “*High Noon on the Courthouse Lawn*” has been going well. Every Friday in April and May live performances have been held on the MPAC lawn from 12:00 to 1:00, with sack lunches available from downtown restaurants.
- The “Indigo Girls” concert sold out.

McKinney Convention & Visitors Bureau

- The MCVB office assisted the Under Armour golf championship at the TPC at Craig Ranch.
- The MCVB office promoted Travel and Tourism week. Staff promoted local sights with online contests to identify points of interest.

- Breakfast and lunch was served to McKinney first responders as part of Public Safety Appreciation Day.
- Local artist Carol Witt partnered with MCVB with a “Name Our Tourism Ambassador” contest. She painted frogs to tie in with the downtown frogs around the square. The frog’s names are Freddie and Fergie.
- The MCVB Facebook page has reached 2200 fans.
- McKinney merchandise is now available for purchase in the MCVB office.
- The MCVB staff assisted with 169 hotel room stays during April.

McKinney Economic Development Corporation

- A stakeholders meeting with all parties involved with the Gateway hotel/event center project was held recently. All stakeholders share the same basic vision for the project and the surrounding property.
- The corporate center at Craig Ranch is very close to breaking ground.
- MEDC plans to retain a Public Relations firm to publicize economic development activity, share the McKinney story and access more contacts regionally.

Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces

- Construction continues at Bonnie Wenk Park.
- The swimming pools at Old Settlers Park and Juanita Maxfield Park open Memorial Day weekend.

13-513 Executive Director's Report.

- The telephone portion of the quality of life survey is completed. An online portion can be taken through June 9th. The survey can be accessed at: <http://rtasurveys.com/mckinney/2013>. Outreach will take place through McKinney e-newsletter; MCDC website; MCDC Facebook page; City of McKinney website and MISD.
- An evening MCDC board meeting may be scheduled in June in order to get more public input on an aquatic facility.
- The “Strikes Against Cancer” ball tournament had a 60% increase, over 2012, in the number of teams that participated. The “Strikes” organization received a Promotional and Community Events grants from MCDC for this event.
- MCDC and MEDC have transitioned to the City network and IT support this week. The computer systems are in place. The phone system will be switched over in the next few weeks.

13-514 Conduct a public hearing to consider/discuss Project #13-06 as submitted by Heard-Craig Center for the Arts requesting \$119,582 for the installation of a fire suppression system in the Heard-Craig House. Barbara Johnson, Executive Director for Heard-Craig Center for the Arts,

spoke to the board. The 7,000 square foot Heard-Craig House was built in 1900 and houses many of the more than 400 paintings that are in the Heard-Craig collection. The project would include a fire suppression system, 6" underground water supply, and heated enclosure in the basement.

13-515 Conduct a public hearing to consider/discuss Project #13-07 as submitted by Heard Natural Science Museum requesting \$9,780 for construction and installation of two road signs. Executive Director Sy Shahid addressed the board. The Heard Museum needs to replace the current signs that are located at the intersection of Hwy 5 and FM 1378, and the intersection of FM 1378 and Nature Place.

13-516 Conduct a public hearing to consider/discuss Project #13-08 as submitted by McKinney Sports Connection requesting a loan guaranty to secure financing of \$11.9 million for construction of an indoor multi-sport facility for recreational youth sports in McKinney; \$250,000 in operating capital for first year; funds for short-term operating shortfall in years 1-3 of \$500,000 and 9 acres of land for initial construction. Paul Anderson, President of McKinney Sports Connection reviewed the request with the board. His organization is the recognized sports provider for the City of McKinney. They use MISD middle school facilities, but the rental fees continue to increase, and availability has decreased. McKinney Sports Connection operates youth leagues for volleyball, basketball, tackle football, flag football, and cheerleading.

The meeting was called into Executive Session at 9:31 a.m. per Texas Government Code: Section 551.071(2) – Consultations with attorney on any work session, special session, or regular session agenda item requiring confidential, attorney/client advice necessitated by the deliberation or discussion of said items (as needed) . Section 551.087 – Deliberation regarding economic development matters.

The meeting was called into Open Session at 9:42 a.m.

13-517 Conduct a public hearing to consider/discuss/act on Project #13-05 as

submitted by manufacturer for financial incentives to relocate its headquarters from out-of-state to the city of McKinney, Texas, in an amount up to one million five hundred thousand thirty dollars.

Kevin Griffin made a motion to approve funding up to one million five hundred thousand thirty dollars to Project #13-05. Michael Puhl seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Scott Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Michael Puhl seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

GEORGE FULLER
Chairman