

MCKINNEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

JUNE 20, 2013

The McKinney Community Development Corporation met in special session in the McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Tennessee, McKinney, Texas, on June 20, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman George Fuller called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

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

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

There were several guests present.

13-620 Consider/Discuss Project Components for a Potential Aquatic Facility in McKinney, Texas. George Fuller provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting MCDC due diligence on a potential facility. The presentation included information about area aquatic facilities that had been visited by the board; various components of the facilities were discussed. Pool size, play/competitive features, and other amenities at the facilities were displayed.

George Fuller asked for public comments. Several people requested the opportunity to address the board. Comments included the following points: the need for more swimming facilities for the school swim teams; the need for facilities to accommodate spectators during competitive events; the need for lanes for practice and competitive swimming; and that many McKinney residents have taken their kids to facilities in neighboring cities because of the lack of adequate space and facilities for swim teams and clubs in McKinney. Brian Loughmiller provided comments, as a citizen, and pointed out that triathlon groups are another group that would benefit from a pool and that competitive events would generate revenue for the facility and the City.

Kevin Griffin asked an audience member, whose child is on a school team, if the school district has any plans to expand the pool. The answer was no, there are no plans at this time.

George Fuller commented that the MCDC board is looking at not only the construction costs for an aquatic facility, but also the operations and maintenance costs. Many pools in the area have yearly operational deficits of up to \$500,000.

Mr. Loughmiller asked if there had been any conversations with M.I.S.D. as to whether or not they would lease pool time in a new facility. There has not been a conversation with M.I.S.D specifically regarding leasing pool time for practice or meets. Executive Director Cindy Schneible reported that Dr. Kennedy had indicated, in a conversation with her, that he believes the McKinney High School natatorium has the capacity to serve current district needs. If another high school is constructed, there will be a need for an additional pool.

George Fuller stated the board is considering a variety of amenities that might be included in an aquatic facility.

A citizen commented that the Allen natatorium facility seems perfect. She commented that a good deal of money leaves McKinney since parents are spending money on gas, shopping, food, etc. in the process of transporting kids to and from practices and meets.

In summarizing Council's request of MCDC to explore the potential for an aquatic facility in McKinney, Mr. Fuller commented that one of the types of facilities that had been investigated was a water park. These types of facilities have the ability to operate in the black, but seem to be more of a tourist destination than a community facility. Based on the research undertaken, strictly competitive swim facilities typically require a subsidy. The MCDC board has been tasked by City Council with researching the potential for constructing an aquatic facility in McKinney that can be self-sustaining. The project has been stalled for several years because of the

recession and the need for M.I.S.D., a partner in the project as originally proposed, to step out as a result of financial challenges. The board will consider all possible components of an aquatic facility, how the facility could be funded and will make a recommendation to Council.

Kevin Griffin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Burress seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

GEORGE FULLER
Chairman