

**McKinney Community Development Corporation
Regular Board Meeting
September 22, 2011**

The McKinney Community Development Corporation (MCDC) met in regular session in the Dowdy conference room located at 321 North Central Expressway, Suite 200, McKinney, Texas at 8:00 A.M. on September 22, 2011.

Board members present included board chair Tracy Rath, Jason Burress, Kevin Griffin, Eric Davis and Michael Puhl. Staff members present were executive director Cindy Schneible and administrative assistant Connie Gibson. Board members George Fuller and Dan Hall were absent.

There were several guests present.

Tracy Rath called the meeting to order at 8:06 A.M. The first order of business was approval of the August 25th regular board meeting minutes. Kevin Griffin made a motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes, and Eric Davis seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously (5-0).

Jason Cooley, strategic planning and budget director with the City of McKinney, presented the financial report to the board. The sales tax receipts for the month of August were \$767,331. This amount reflects a 13% decrease over August, 2010. With the addition of sales tax collections recorded for September, receipts for the year total \$9,372,335. This reflects a 17% increase over totals for 2010. The September receipts show a spike in revenue due to an audit adjustment from the state comptroller's office. The total amount of the adjustment was 5.3 million dollars, with the MCDC portion totaling \$1,371,378.

Rodney Rhoades, the new finance director for the City of McKinney, was introduced to the board.

There was no discussion about the list of check requests.

Liaison reports were next on the agenda.

Jason Burress gave a Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces update.

- A presentation on the skate park was made to City Council to review alternative sites within Gabe Nesbitt Park, for the skate park location
- A public hearing regarding a new park design will be held on September 22nd.

Tracy Rath and Cindy Schneible provided a report on the McKinney Chamber of Commerce.

- The Chamber will host an unveiling of the newest edition of McKinney Living magazine and the McKinney Choice Awards at Rick's Chophouse on September 29th.

- The State of the Community luncheon date is November 3rd.

Jim Young, President of MEDC reported:

- Biscotti, a video conferencing over Wi-Fi company, have accepted the MEDC incentive offer and will be moving to McKinney in November.
- Greg Sims, Business Retention and Expansion director in the MEDC office has accepted the position as president of the Economic Development Corporation in Greenville.

Beth Shumate, communications manager with the McKinney Convention and Visitors Bureau gave the MCVB update:

- MCVB's Smartphone application has been very successful. There have been 2,000 downloads to date. They have added schools, hospitals, airport, night life, and coupons to the application.
- The MCVB staff is collecting donated items for the victims of the Bastrop fire. Over 1,500 homes were destroyed in the fire.
- Michael McEntyre was introduced to the board. He is an MCVB board member, and will serve as the liaison to MCDC.

Tracy Rath reported she attended the latest City of McKinney Sustainability meeting. The city will be accepting citizen comments through the end of September.

The meeting was called into Executive Session at 8:20 A.M.

The meeting was called into Open Session at 8:28 A.M.

The board chair called for discussion and action on Project #11-07. Sy Shahid, executive director for Heard Natural Science Museum, answered questions regarding the purchase of a 4-wheel all terrain vehicle. Tracy Rath made a motion to approve a grant, in the amount of \$12,000, to the Heard Natural Science Museum for the purchase of a 4-wheel all terrain vehicle. The make and model will be determined by Heard Museum leadership. Michael Puhl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The board took action on Project #11-10, a request by Stonebridge United Methodist Church for \$17,149 for maintenance and operational costs of irrigated, multi-purpose field. Michael Puhl made a motion to deny funding based on attorney opinion that the project was ineligible for funding under local government code. The motion was seconded by Eric Davis and voted on. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Michael Puhl made a motion to table the request made by City of McKinney for lease renewal on the McKinney Vision studio. The motion was seconded by Tracy Rath and voted on. The voted passed unanimously (5-0).

Board action was taken on Project #11-13 - a request for \$30,000 made by the City of McKinney for provision of public transportation/bus service within the City, and to conduct a county-wide transit study to determine future public transportation needs for the area. Michael Puhl made a motion to approve the request as presented. Kevin Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The Project #11-11 request made by McKinney Education Foundation was tabled at their request. The request was for \$8,000 to perform an Economic Impact Study to determine the appropriate program structure for a "McKinney Promise" scholarship program.

The executive director's report was given by Cindy Schneible.

- The MCDC budget would be presented to City Council for approval on September 26th.
- Sandy Hart, city secretary, will administer the oath of office to board members at the October board meeting. There will be election of MCDC officers at the October meeting, and a short board orientation will be presented.
- A petition was filed with the court on the tax issue regarding Gateway. The lawsuit is expected to be resolved quickly.
- McKinney Education Foundation has requested the use of the City of McKinney stage for the MEF fundraiser in April. MCDC funded the stage purchase, and is allowed two complimentary uses.
- The Flour Mill performance agreement has been fully executed, and city staff has begun preparation for construction of the lot.
- The meeting dates for the November and December board meetings will be moved because of holidays.
- The executive director asked for discussion on board and staff role for projects going before City Council. Should the role of MCDC be that of presenter, or advocate for applicants?

Board member Eric Davis made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute a lease for MCDC office space, based on terms discussed during Executive Session. Michael Puhl seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed (4-1) with Tracy Rath opposing.

There were no citizen comments.

Michael Puhl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Griffin seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously (5-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 A.M.