

**McKinney Community Development Corporation
Regular Board Meeting
February 24, 2011**

The McKinney Community Development Corporation (MCDC) met in regular session in the Dowdy boardroom located at 321 N. Central Expressway, Suite 200, McKinney, Texas at 8:00 A.M. on February 24, 2011.

Board members present included board chair Tracy Rath, board vice-chair George Fuller, board secretary Dan Hall, Jason Burress, Kevin Griffin, Michael Puhl, Eric Davis and council member Ray Ricchi, representing council liaison Pete Huff. Staff members present were executive director Cindy Schneible and administrative assistant Connie Gibson.

There were several guests present.

Tracy Rath called the meeting to order at 8:01 A.M. She called for a motion to approve board minutes for the January 27, 2011 regular meeting. Dan Hall made a motion to approve the minutes, and Michael Puhl seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously (7-0). Mrs. Rath then reviewed the notes for the Human Resources committee meeting held on January 27, 2011.

The meeting was called into Executive Session at 8:04 A.M.

The meeting was called into Open Session at 8:39 A.M.

Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces update was given by Tracy Rath. The Veterans Memorial ground breaking was held on February 16th. The Crape Myrtle Trails World Collection Park is 95% complete. Tennis courts and skate park are both scheduled for completion this year. The Daddy-Daughter dance was a success, and completely sold out.

MEDC reported that the new airport tower is in operation. The Texas One tour and reception is scheduled for April 20th. The McKinney "green" Walmart has announced their facility will be used as a model throughout the United States.

A "Converge on the Capital" took place in February. MCVB reported this is an effort to eliminate the budget cuts made to Texas tourism advertising and promotion.

Larry Cunningham, Interim Finance Director with the City of McKinney gave the MCDC financial report. The sales tax receipts over the last five months show a 2.5% increase over the previous year. City council will hear the auditor's report in March, and the MCDC audit report will be presented during the March board meeting.

Check requests for the month of January, 2011 were presented and reviewed.

Action was taken on eight Promotional and Community grant requests. The requests were presented at the January 27, 2011 board meeting. Recommendations made by the Promotional and Community Event committee for funding the requests were shared with the board. George Fuller made a motion to approve the recommendations made by the committee. The recommendations of the committee were unanimously approved by the board. Grants approved:

- McKinney Main Street/Bike the Bricks \$10,500
- MCVB/Bloomin to Boomin \$12,500
- Heritage Guild/Farmer's Market, Living History Days, Killis Melton Ice Cream Crank-Off \$11,750
- Crape Myrtle Trails/Crape Myrtle Days World Collection Park dedication \$ 5,000
- Heard Natural Science Museum/Take a Hike, Green Living Festival \$ 4,000
- Kiwanis Club/McKinney Historic Triathlon \$ 3,750
- Smiles Charity/2011 Benefit Concert \$ 2,500

Tracy Rath called for a public hearing to discuss, consider and act on Project #11-01 as submitted by G.H. Sports Group requesting \$300,000 for an artificial turf sports complex. Gordon Hill and Greg Vinez addressed the board. The board discussed the public use percentages proposed for the facility, which total 14% of total hours of operation on an annual basis. Tracy Rath called for a motion. Dan Hall made a motion to approve the project funding as requested. George Fuller seconded the motion. Tracy Rath called for a show of hands. The vote passed (4-3) with Kevin Griffin, Michael Puhl, and Jason Burress opposing.

A Public Hearing was held to discuss Project #11-02 as submitted by Heard-Craig Center for the Arts requesting \$47,404.26 for renovation and restorations to Heard-Craig House and Heard-Craig Hall. Barbara Johnson, Executive Director, presented a detailed outline of the repairs needed to the board.

The board will vote on this project in March.

A Public Hearing was held to discuss Project #11-03 as submitted by Heritage Guild of Collin County requesting \$250,000 for restoration and improvements to properties at Chestnut Square. Cindy Johnson, Executive Director presented a review of the needs at Chestnut Square and the funds required for restoration and improvements to the properties.

The project will be voted on during the March board meeting.

Miles Prestemon provided an update on Craig Ranch plans and projects. This year marks the 10th anniversary for Craig Ranch. The development is currently 60% commercial and 40% residential. Land has been escrowed for a Craig Ranch hotel/conference center. Plans for the hotel include 200 guest rooms, and 15,000

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square feet of conference center space. The hotel will be a full service 5 or 6 floor facility.

Cindy Schneible gave the Executive Director's report. A Letter of Intent has been submitted by North Collin County Habitat for Humanity for a grant to assist with building acquisition to consolidate their administrative, ReStore and storage functions. Community Food Pantry also submitted a Letter of Intent. They are seeking funds to acquire additional space for their facility. Mrs. Schneible presented proposed guidelines for sponsorship. Board consensus allows the Executive Director on discretion on sponsorships up to \$1,500.

George Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Puhl seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously (7-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

TRACY RATH – Board Chair