

**McKinney Community Development Corporation**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**October 27, 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 October 27, 2011.

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

There were several guests present.

Tracy Rath called the meeting to order at 8:02 A.M. The first order of business was the swearing in of three board members appointed by City Council for a second two-year term. Sandy Hart, city secretary, administered the oath of office to Jason Burress, George Fuller, and Kevin Griffin.

Executive director Cindy Schneible announced the election of officers would be performed using written ballots. The floor was opened up for board chair nominations. Kevin Griffin nominated George Fuller. Jason Burress seconded the nomination. Michael Puhl nominated Tracy Rath. The nomination was seconded by Jason Burress. Ballots were passed out and collected by Connie Gibson. After tallying votes, it was announced that Tracy Rath had been re-elected board chair.

Vice-chair nominations were taken next. George Fuller nominated Kevin Griffin. Michael Puhl seconded the nomination. Jason Burress was nominated by Tracy Rath, and seconded by Michael Puhl. Jason Burress nominated Kevin Griffin. George Fuller seconded the nomination. The ballots were gathered and tallied by Connie Gibson. George Fuller was re-elected vice-chair.

Board secretary was the final office for which nominations were requested. Jason Burress nominated Dan Hall, and George Fuller seconded the nomination. Kevin Griffin was nominated by George Fuller; Jason Burress seconded the nomination. After the votes were counted it was announced that Dan Hall had been re-elected to serve as board secretary.

Tracy Rath called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2011 board meeting. There was one correction noted. Michael Puhl made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Dan Hall seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed (6-0).

The board reviewed check requests for the past month, and then Jason Cooley provided the financial report. The sales tax receipts for September were \$570,452.,

which represented a 13% decrease from September, 2010. The October sales tax receipts are \$677,000. The \$1.3 million in funds received as a result of an audit adjustment, and discussed in September are listed as miscellaneous revenue on the budget statement. MCDC will use a portion of the miscellaneous revenue fund to pay back \$957,110 to the Texas Comptroller's office as a result of a defense contractor's lawsuit with the state.

Liaison reports were the next item on the agenda.

Jim Young, MEDC president gave an update on the McKinney Economic Development Corporation activities for the past month:

- The board voted to support an emerging technology company that assembles portable solar power units and exports them all over the world.
- Emerson Regulator Technologies announced they will relocate their facility to the north end of Gateway located at the intersection of Highways 75 and 121.

The McKinney Convention and Visitors Bureau report was given by Diann Bayes, executive director:

- During the past month Ms. Bayes attended an AARP conference in Las Angeles, and a Texas Municipal League conference in Houston. Several contacts were made, and her office will follow up to pursue opportunities for conferences in McKinney.
- The National Volleyball League is considering Craig Ranch as a location for a volleyball tournament.
- The Tournament Players Club is looking at bringing the Nationwide golf tour back to McKinney.
- MCVB worked with Pogue Construction and the Minuteman Disaster Response Trailer to transport supplies collected during September for the Bastrop, Texas fire victims on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

George Fuller gave the Chamber of Commerce report.

- The State of the Community luncheon date is November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Chamber will have many opportunities to promote the City of McKinney during the Extreme Makeover Home edition that will be held in the McKinney area.

Bill Darling was introduced and provided an update on project #10-05 – construction of a covered arena at ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship. He stated that before the covered arena was build 65-70% of lessons were canceled due to inclement weather. The protected environment provided by the covered arena not only eliminates weather cancellations but also provides quieter, calmer surroundings for riders and horses. ManeGait has trained over 1,000 volunteers. There are 107 riders weekly that participate in classes. ManeGait serves sixteen different cities; 80% of the

riders are from Collin County. Mr. Darling passed out flyers for the October 30<sup>th</sup> Gaitapalooza event.

- The executive director's report was presented by Cindy Schneible.
- The tax statement on the Gateway property has been recalculated to reflect a corrected evaluation. Meetings will be set up with the various taxing authorities to discuss possible further reductions.
  - The request for bids for construction of the parking lot at the Flour Mill was released on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Board presentation of the bids will be November 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - The MCDC and MEDC office move date is targeted for December 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - A status update on the Strategic Plan initiatives that were adopted by the board are right on track are included in the board binder. Overall, initiatives are on-track.
  - A Request for Proposal for redevelopment of the MCDC website was forwarded to eight prospective vendors. Responses are due close of business on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - An MCDC update will be presented to City Council on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - The executive director discussed placing benches embossed with MCDC at various project sites, funded by MCDC, part of the FY 12 marketing plan.

The meeting was called into Executive Session at 8:46 A.M.

The meeting was called into Open Session at 9:06 A.M.

George Fuller made a motion to adopt the City of McKinney policy relative to employee pay. The motion was seconded by Tracy Rath. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously (6-0).

Tracy Rath called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dan Hall. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 A.M.

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TRACY RATH – Board Chair