

**McKinney Community Development Corporation  
Potential Projects Subcommittee  
June 8, 2021**

The McKinney Community Development Corporation Potential Projects Subcommittee met at 4:30 p.m. on June 8, 2021, in the MDCDC offices at 5900 S. Lake Forest Blvd., Ste. 110, McKinney, Texas.

**MDCDC board members present:** Chairman Jackie Brewer, Vice Chairman Rick Glew, Treasurer Angela Richardson-Woods and Board Alternate Deborah Bradford.

**Staff present:** President Cindy Schneible and Administrative and Marketing Coordinator Linda Jones.

**ManeGait representatives present:** Co-founder and Board President Bill Darling, Co-founder Priscilla Darling, Executive Director Patricia Nelson and Marketing and Development Director Danna Hamann.

The Potential Projects Subcommittee met with ManeGait representatives to discuss The Beacon Project, a potential expansion project at ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship located in the City of McKinney's ETJ.

Ms. Schneible shared with the subcommittee that MDCDC awarded a project grant for \$125,000 for the ManeGait covered arena project in 2009. Total cost for that project was \$200,000.

Mr. Darling shared that The Beacon Project encompasses therapeutic horsemanship, brain building, a community center and a knowledge center. He shared that The Beacon Project master plan was developed more than three years ago,

The Beacon Project will include a new administration building with community room, second covered arena, new 22 stall barn to house 40-45 horses, and an outdoor gathering area with fire pit. All buildings are designed to be easily expanded at a later date if deemed appropriate. They added that they are working on a phased plan to allow them to remain operating during most of the construction. ManeGait currently serves 130 riders, and the expansion would provide capacity for an additional 80 riders.

They shared that prior to COVID, ManeGait had a waiting list of about 400. Acceptance is based on application, assessment and class match availability. Their retention rate for riders is 92%. Lessons are \$45 per lesson, but about 60% of the riders are granted some level of scholarship.

This is a three-year project with the goal to break ground in Fall 2022. Design and development concepts are close to being ready for bid, and they anticipate submitting a project grant application in the first cycle of MCDC's FY 22. Mr. Darling stated that about two thirds of the funding will come from outside of McKinney, and they are hoping MCDC will join as a funding catalyst for the project. Total costs are anticipated to be near \$9 million, but The Beacon Project will serve the community for the next 50 years.

These minutes were approved by MCDC Board on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Mary Barnes-Tilley, Secretary

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Jackie Brewer, Chairman