

McKinney Community Development Corporation
Regular Board Meeting
May 24, 2012

The McKinney Community Development Corporation (MCDC) met in regular session in the Dowdy boardroom located at 5900 South Lake Forest Drive, Suite 110, McKinney, Texas at 8:00 A.M. on May 24, 2012.

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

There were several guests present.

Tracy Rath called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the April 26, 2012 board meeting. Kevin Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by George Fuller. 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. The fiscal year is 62% completed, with expenses tracking at 25%. Sales tax for the month of April was \$563,639. This is down 0.2% from April, 2011.

Dave Allevato with the Armed Services Board presented a granite plaque to the MCDC board for support of the completion of the Veterans Memorial at Craig Ranch.

Board chair Rath reported on the Habitat for Humanity wall raising, and the Fan Giveaway. The Fan Giveaway was a partnership between Community Lifeline Center, McKinney Ladies Association, TXU Electric, and MCDC.

City manager Jason Gray provided an update on an issue relating to youth hockey and the Dallas Stars organization/Dr Pepper Stars facility. Dallas Stars Hockey organization is restructuring the youth hockey program. The goal is to have kids playing at all levels of youth hockey. The current structure has more participants playing at the higher level. Currently there are two groups associated with the McKinney StarCenter. Dallas Stars will recognize one group, and the second is invited to merge with the first group. If the second group chooses to start their own league they may move practices and play to another facility.

The MEDC update was provided by Jason Gray, city manager. MEDC hosted a site selection firm that represents primarily German companies. The firm was researching locations for the relocation of a company that manufactures equipment used in the production of wind energy. Texas was one of five states considered. There were 31 Texas cities that responded to the Governor's Office's request for proposal.

McKinney made the short list of six in Texas and was visited by the site selectors and Governor's Office staff on May 3. MEDC will be advised in early June if McKinney continues to be a potential location.

Sharon Dill updated the board on the Chamber activities for the past month. The June issue of McKinney magazine will be mailed this week. June 21st the Leadership McKinney alumni will host a "Serve McKinney" event at the Chamber office. All city boards and commissions, as well as nonprofit agencies are encouraged to participate. The Chamber Golf Classic will be held at Stonebridge Ranch Country Club on June 4th.

McKinney Convention and Visitor's Bureau plans to move their office to Louisiana Street, just east of the historic square November 1st. The MCVB board of directors has begun the search for a new executive director. The interim director position has been filled by Dee-Dee Guerra Villanueva.

Ty Lake reported that Main Street is gearing up for the "Bike the Bricks" event May 25th. There are currently 443 registrants, with cyclists coming from eleven states. More than five hundred cyclists and 10,000 spectators are expected this year. A parade and concert in honor of American Idol finalist Hollie Cavanaugh is scheduled for Saturday, May 26th.

McKinney Performing Arts Center has begun ticket sales for Sammy Kershaw in concert June 29th. This past month MPAC hosted a juried art show, with over 70 artists participating.

Collin County Regional Airport Development Board chairman John Wroten updated the board. The CCRAD board and McKinney city officials hosted a breakfast to unveil an airport incentive plan to be available to regional cities as they pursue corporate clients considering relocation of corporate aircraft to Collin County Regional Airport. The new runway is near completion. They have begun laying connectors from the old runway to the new runway. These will eventually serve as taxiways. An opening ceremony for the new runway will be planned in the fall. Following the airport layout master plan, the next big project for airport development will be construction of a general aviation terminal on the west side of the airport.

Tracy Rath announced a public hearing would be held to discuss and consider Project #12-09 as submitted by Heard Natural Science Museum requesting \$18,335 for the purchase and installation of five video cameras throughout the sanctuary. Sy Shahid, executive director addressed the board. The cameras will be distributed throughout the three different ecosystems within the sanctuary, and will be available for viewing around the clock on the internet. Zynga has donated \$1,000 to this project. The MCDC board will vote on the project request during the June board meeting.

The next action item was the discussion and possible action on MCDC funding category reallocation for Project #12-03 - \$99,000 for restoration and repair of structures at Chestnut Square Historical Village. The project had been approved at the March 22nd

board meeting, with funding from the MCDC economic development and capital improvement allocation. Kevin Griffin made a motion to approve Project #12-03 with funding from the MCDC discretionary allocation. Tracy Rath seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously (5-0).

Cindy Schneible gave the executive director's report. She has had discussions with a group interested in creating a community garden. Several locations are being considered for the garden. Habitat for Humanity may complete an application for project funds to rehab houses on McKinney's east side. A meeting is scheduled with representatives from the Baylor Foundation and Parks, Recreation and Open Space to discuss the Letter of Inquiry submitted to MCDC for funding of a walking trail at Baylor McKinney. City of McKinney finance director Rodney Rhoades will address the issue of recording the Gateway property as a capital asset for MCDC during the June board meeting. The deadline for Cycle II Promotional and Community Grant requests is Friday, June 29th at 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was called into Executive Session at 8:53 A.M.

The meeting was called into Open Session at 10:11 A.M.

George Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Eric Davis. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously (5-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

TRACY RATH - Board Chair