

**McKinney Community Development Corporation  
Potential Projects Subcommittee  
March 26, 2026**

The McKinney Community Development Corporation Potential Projects Subcommittee met at 4:00 p.m. on March 26, 2026, in the MCDC offices at 7300 SH 121SB, Suite 200, McKinney, Texas.

**MCDC Board Members Present:** Chair George Fuller (via Zoom), Vice Chair David Riche, and Treasurer Chris Wilkes.

**Staff Present:** MCDC President Cindy Schneible and MCDC Grant Program and Marketing Manager Linda Jones.

**Others Present:** Rick Wells and Lenda Fidelman with Harvest Seed Project Foundation.

The Potential Projects Subcommittee met with representatives from Harvest Seed Project Foundation to discuss the relocation of McKinney Roots farm to Gray Branch Park. The foundation was formed in 2015 with a mission to fund educational and community initiatives that support sustainability. The five-acre farm, McKinney Roots, opened in 2019, and 2025 production included 8,000 dozen eggs, 15,000 heads of lettuce, 15 tons of seasonal crops, and 15 gallons of honey from nearly 240,000 working bees. McKinney Roots currently provides food for a minimum of 350 families every week. Their educational program hosts all MISD second graders annually plus other organizations and schools.

With an executed five-year lease with the City and an option to extend it to 15 years, they are in the process of designing and relocating McKinney Roots to 45.7 acres within McKinney's Gray Branch Park. The move and expansion will double current produce output and double the size of the chicken flock. Amenities will include a larger greenhouse, tiered plantings, a 200-tree fruit orchard, a community center, a processing area and kitchen, an ADA-compliant learning garden, expanded educational offerings, and a mobile chicken coop to allow for rotating grazing areas and better pasture maintenance. Gray Branch will still be a city park, and the farm design allows for the ongoing use and maintenance of the existing hike and bike trails on the acreage.

Designs are complete and fundraising is well underway, so the first phase of the work is targeted to begin March 30.

Seed Project Foundation intends to apply for an MCDC project grant for infrastructure funding in the current grant cycle with presentation to the full Board in May.

The subcommittee meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Board on May 28, 2026.

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GEORGE FULLER, CHAIR

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DEBORAH BRADFORD, SECRETARY