

**McKinney Community Development Corporation
Potential Projects Subcommittee
March 15, 2024**

The McKinney Community Development Corporation Potential Projects Subcommittee met at 4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2024, at the MCDC office located at 7300 SH 121 SB, Suite 200, McKinney.

MCDC Board Members Present: Chair Angela Richardson-Woods, Vice Chair David Kelly and Secretary David Riche.

Staff Present: President Cindy Schneible, Assistant City Manager Steve Tilton, Parks Superintendent Marty Sillito, and MCDC Administrative and Marketing Coordinator Linda Jones.

Others Present: Bruce Mead, representing the McKinney Parks Foundation.

Bruce Mead presented a status update on the East McKinney Learning Garden Teaching Garden being constructed on the MCDC-owned property located at the northeast corner of the new TUPPS Brewery site on Louisiana Street. The goal of the garden remains to be a teaching garden focused on healthy eating, edible growing and local plants, while providing produce for local organizations focused on serving the food insecure. Physical elements of the project include a grain bin for storage, potting benches, teaching tables, shade structures, flower/vegetable beds and a harvest/wash area.

The originally estimated total project budget was just over \$128,000 for full buildout. Professionally developed architectural and design plans now indicate a budget as high as over \$740,000. McKinney Parks Foundation is seeking funds from MCDC to close the gap on the bare minimum required to prepare the garden for planting. After much discussion, Steve Tilton and Marty Sillito indicated they would evaluate the City's budget and Parks projects status for potential funds that can be reallocated. McKinney Parks Foundation will likely apply for an MCDC project grant for \$150,000 during the March application cycle.

The subcommittee meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:20 p.m.

ANGELA RICHARDSON-WOODS
Chair
DAVID KELLY
Vice Chair

DAVID RICHE
Secretary