

McKinney Community Development Corporation
Potential Projects Subcommittee
February 25, 2025

The McKinney Community Development Corporation Potential Projects Subcommittee met at 4:00 p.m. on February 25, 2025, at the Heard Natural Science Museum located at One Nature Place, McKinney, Texas.

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

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

The Potential Projects Subcommittee met with John Dexter, Executive Director and Brittany Kryder, Director of Development with Heard Natural Science Museum to tour portions of the property and learn about upcoming project plans.

An immediate need to resurface five trails was shared, some with concrete and some with flex base, to prevent flooding and decomposed granite runoff that is damaging the natural environment and to reduce time and money spent on trail maintenance. These trail improvements would be permanent and would not need to be modified during their planned future major renovation project. Total cost for upgrading the five trails is just over \$400,000. It is likely a grant application will be submitted for a project grant will be submitted during the March cycle.

Discussion regarding their larger site redevelopment project included:

- Total project budget (approximately \$30 million);
- Funding – some is secured, some requests are still out, plans for capital campaign to begin in 2026;
- Site plans should be close to completion by April 2025; and
- Project elements – expansion and upgrade for Science Resource Center (multipurpose and venue rentals); goal to avoid building teardowns; animal habitat updates; new butterfly house; new drive-up ticketing which will help disperse traffic to second parking lot; and some parking lot upgrades.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Board on March 27, 2025.

ANGELA RICHARDSON-WOODS
Chair
DAVID RICHE
Vice Chair

DEBORAH BRADFORD
Secretary