

OLMOS PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD ON JUNE 13, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Olmos Park Economic Development Corporation met in regular session on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the City of Olmos Park at 120 West El Prado Drive, Olmos Park, Texas. Members of the Board of Directors present were President Barry Sturrock, Mayor Hornberger, Jenny Wood and Richard Wolf. Board members not present were Andrew Craig. Also present was City Manager, Celia DeLeon.

Call to order and determination of quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Barry Sturrock; roll call was taken, and a quorum was announced.

Citizens to be heard. (This is the time provided for citizens to address the Board on issues and concerns. No action can or will be taken on issues raised under this portion of the meeting. Please limit remarks to a period not to exceed three minutes. Please state your name and address for the record.)

No citizens to be heard.

Review and discuss minutes of May 9, 2017 Board Meeting; take possible action.

After reviewing the minutes, Richard Wolf moved to accept the May 9, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Mayor Hornberger seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Review and discuss May 2017 Financial Reports, including EDC expenditures and allocations and monthly treasurer report; take possible action.

Mayor Hornberger moved to accept the May 2017 Financial Reports, EDC expenditures, allocations and monthly treasurer report as presented. Richard Wolf seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Review and discuss updates on Striping Plan and traffic counter report; take possible action.

President Sturrock stated he spoke with a representative from SA Bikes Office of Sustainability who is in charge of the bike lanes and they are very interested in what Olmos Park has done and how it has contributed to calming the traffic on McCullough. He stated we need to talk with the Police Chief and see if he can get us a report of the distribution of the traffic as far back as the counter can go on McCullough.

City Manager DeLeon stated she ordered some tape for the traffic counters as the current tape has been broken from the traffic and she will have the invoice at the next meeting to approve.

Review and discuss funding for improvement projects along McCullough Corridor and consider any other funding applications submitted; take possible action.

President Sturrock stated the only funding he is aware of is the Federal funding that is funneled through TXDOT and is still on our radar. He stated we can look at the VIA bus stop in the fall when TXDOT publishes the funding that is available for the next calendar year based on what we have so far and the plans that we have so far.

City Manager DeLeon stated she spoke with Mr. John LeFlore of the Olmos Park Foundation and he and the other members want to close the foundation and they have extra funds to donate and he would like to see a plan on our landscaping and currently Planning and Zoning are starting to work on a landscaping ordinance.

President Sturrock stated we do have the 50% plans which shows what could be done.

Richard Wolf stated he knew Mr. LeFlore and would reach out to him.

Mayor Hornberger stated the City could set up an account into which those funds could flow into that is restricted for the beautification of McCullough and what the City could do is to agree to accept the funds and place them into a separate account that is dedicated to purchasing trees for beautification for McCullough and put a plaque someplace to give the foundation some credit.

Review and discuss work session discussions to the City Codes related to the McCullough Corridor: main street district approach, parking schemes, building standards and landscape ordinance; potential demonstration project for landscaping and sidewalks, take possible action.

President Sturrock stated he spoke with Carl Bain last week and would like to work with Larry Clark who is the Landscape Architect and come up with a series of projects for this Board to then identify projects, review projects, provide input and make a decision as to what project is the best one and then take that project to Council for approval and to show the community we are serious.

Mayor Hornberger stated we need input back from the Architect on what EDC would be spending.

President Sturrock stated if you have sidewalks and McCullough is an attractive place for the retail businesses then you will bring in more people and anything we can do to improve the business climate would help with businesses. He stated he would like to do something to show the community that we can do something and function as a body and if anyone on this Board wants to go ask businesses what they would like to see on McCullough and bring back the information to the Board.

Mayor Hornberger stated every time a City looks at trying to improve the economic impact of commercial districts, they look at parking, sidewalks and beautification so they take care of people who need to park, people who need to walk from one place to another and making sure that the customer is in a pleasant environment.

President Sturrock stated we need to help improve the look of the McCullough Corridor then the value of the property goes up and you have a better business environment so we need to do what we can to maximize the attractiveness.

Jenny Wood stated she thinks it is important to go talk to the retail businesses since they are providing the sales tax and it is important to hear what their opinion is.

Discuss project to add sidewalks to the McCullough corridor; take possible action

President Sturrock stated we have to find new ways to attract new retail businesses. Our function is to nurture and push things along as we a body agree would help benefit the economic community of Olmos Park. He will get together with Larry Clark and Carl Bain and identify some potential areas that we can look at to implement a section of the sidewalk and landscaping plans as a demonstration project.

Mayor Hornberger stated we need a new block by block estimate for sidewalks to make sure it is up to date and the conversations that you will have with Larry Clark and Carl Bain will include that.

Discuss administrative items and future agenda items.

Richard Wolf will reach out to Mr. LeFlore of the Olmos Park Foundation.

President Sturrock will work with Larry Clark and Carl Bain and come up with a series of projects for the

Board to review for potential areas to improve.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Barry Sturrock, President

ATTEST:

Diane Gonzales
City Secretary