

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND

The Development Corporation of Richmond convened in a regular meeting open to the public and pursuant to notice thereof duly given in accordance with Section 51.96, Development Corporation Act, Vernon's Texas Codes, in Richmond City Hall Annex within said City on March 8, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Directors in attendance included the following:

President, Evalyn W. Moore	Vice President, Joe Bonham
Barry Beard	Glen Gilmore - Absent
Secretary, Carl Drozd	Carlos Garcia
Jesse Torres	Rob Tobias, Executive Director
City Attorney – Gary Smith	

President Evalyn Moore opened the meeting at 4:31 and asked if there were any public comments. There were no guests signed up to speak, therefore the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item 3 was introduced by President Moore to review and approve the Minutes from the February 9, 2016 meeting. No discussion occurred and the motion was made to approve by Director Torres and seconded by Director Drozd. The votes were unanimous to approve.

President Moore asked for a review of the Financial Reports through February 29, 2016. President Moore complimented City Finance Director Susan Lang for including the Sales Tax Revenue Report which reflects the length of time that it takes to build up the fund balance of the Development Corporation. Lang commented that as of February 2016, the total YTD percent of the budget is 101.86%. There were no further questions or comments and the Financial Reports were accepted. No action was required.

Agenda item 5 was introduced by President Moore, the Election of the Treasurer (vacated by Mr. Dave Scott) Director Bonham nominated Barry Beard for treasurer and Director Drozd seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous to elect Director Barry Beard Treasurer of Development Corporation of Richmond.

President Moore introduced Paulette Shelton, Director with Fort Bend County to present an update on the Fort Bend County, Public Transportation on the program and ridership. Ms. Shelton showed graphs depicting the trip count month by month. The ridership reflected a lower count during the holidays but there were fewer number of service days during those months. The top three stop locations were MG Catholic Charities, Walmart and Fiesta. The goal is to increase ridership at the designated spots and less of the on demand stops. Director Beard asked the average length of a trip and the answer was less than 10 miles. Also it was asked what the count was for Rosenberg vs Richmond however this data is not available. Ms. Shelton stated they plan is to increase marketing. City Manager Vela informed Ms. Shelton the City now has the capability of including flyers in the water bills. Director Garcia inquired about the hours of operation and the need for signage at the pick-up points. Director Garcia would also like to see an improvement in scheduling.

President Moore introduced the next agenda item A7, a presentation from Michael Ihek with YMG Holdings regarding his interest in the property located at 1116 Morton Street. Mr. Ihek expressed his interest in investing in the growth of Richmond as a 13 year resident of Richmond. The Thompson property is deteriorating and Mr. Ihek presented pictures of the current state of the property. Director Bonham asked if a commercial property is feasible with the development of 10th street. Mr. Ihek stated the only entrance would be from Union Street and they are aware of the limitations. Director Drozd mentioned the noise factor from the trains for the tenants which Ihek responded "you get used to it". President Moore thanked Mr. Ihek and the agenda item was closed without further discussion.

Agenda item A7 a discussion on the interest in developing a logo for the Development Corporation of Richmond. Director Tobias stated there were several examples included in the packet of logos from various cities. It was suggested that the DCR revisit the Strategic Plan completed in 2012 and combine it with the new logo at that time. Director Tobias stated the logo needs to be a reflection of the City. City Manager Terri Vela stated the real need is for letterhead so that there is a distinction between the DCR and the City of Richmond. She stated it would also be beneficial for recognition of sponsorship. The board stated it was a favorable idea and they would like to see various cities with both the city logos and development corporation logos side by side. It was also suggested that the Strategic Plan be included in their packets since the majority of the board members are new since 2012. Director Garcia stated he would like to see in the next 90 days. The agenda item was closed with no further discussion.

President Moore then asked for the Executive Director monthly report. Mr. Tobias provided a brief recap and made note that the next meeting will be on April 12, 2016 at 4:30. There were questions regarding the status of wayfinding signs, activity of a slab at Hwy 90 and 359, status of the previous Office Depot building, and the status of the quiet zones. After a brief discussion providing answers, this agenda item was closed.


There being no further business to come before the Development Corporation of Richmond, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17pm. Director Torres made the motion and Director Scott seconded.

ATTEST:



Laura Scarlato, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Evalyn W. Moore, President