



4A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY APRIL 12, 2012 - 4:30 P.M.

Sewall Smith City Council Chambers
18111 Buddy Riley Blvd., Magnolia, Texas 77354

A meeting of the Magnolia 4A Economic Development Corporation was held on April 12, 2012, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the Sewall Smith City Council Chambers located at 18111 Buddy Riley Blvd., Magnolia, Texas 77354.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Jonny Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

a. **INVOCATION**

Basil Tate delivered the invocation.

b. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Jonny Williams lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

President Jonny Williams called roll and certified a quorum present with the following Board members in attendance: Jonny Williams, Pat Zaiontz, Calvin Williams, Basil Tate, Mickey Smith

Staff present: City Secretary Lynne George, Economic Development Coordinator Deborah Rose Miller, Finance Director Beverly Standley

3. CITIZENS FORUM *(No official or formal action or vote may be taken on any comment made by citizens during Citizens Forum)*

None.

4. REQUESTS OR PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Economic Development Coordinator Deborah Rose Miller announced that at the last City Council meeting, the City Council adopted a new City flag which was the result of a recent school art work contest. A Magnolia West High School student, Miguel Miranda, submitted the winning artwork and it is being reproduced and will be displayed. Mrs. Miller also announced that events are planned for The Stroll with the upcoming Lovebug Festival, there is a new business on The Stroll where you can make your own personal scents, the micro brewery

behind the transmission shop has had some licensing issues but is expected to open in August. The recent annexation proceedings have been completed and our city limits have expanded. We also have more voluntary ETJ requests in hand, with more expected. Mrs. Miller further announced that sales tax was up 8.80% for the fiscal year, and 9.68% for the month, even with all the construction going on.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MARCH 2012

Provided in packet. Basil Tate stated that he went through the statements with Finance Director Beverly Standley and that everything looked good, especially with the tax revenue increasing.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – 4A EDC

This portion of the agenda consists of items considered routine and will be enacted by one motion unless separate discussion is requested by a Board Director or a citizen.

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| a. | Approval of the 4A Economic Development Corporation minutes for the meeting held March 8, 2012. | |
| b. | Journal Communications (Inv. #065091) | \$ 992.50 |
| c. | Liles Parker (Inv. #10024) | \$ 37.00 |
| d. | Words, Inc. (February 2012) | \$ 219.50 |
| e. | Words, Inc. (March 2012) | \$ 135.00 |

MOTION: Upon a motion to approve Consent Agenda items a. through e. made by Pat Zaiontz and seconded by Mickey Smith, the Board members voted and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

8. ANNEXATION UPDATE

Update of annexation proceedings.

Covered in agenda item 5.

NEW BUSINESS

9. a. CONSIDERATION – UNITY PARK ROAD DEBT

Consideration and possible action to authorize partial payment of \$30,000 to Montgomery County for Unity Park road debt.

Chairman Jonny Williams explained that the City entered into an interlocal agreement with the County for the County to provide the equipment and labor and the City would furnish the material which was purchased from the County, and in turn, building permit fees and tap fees would be waived, and other considerations.

Mr. Tate asked that an accounting be made of what was their benefit from us because the accounting currently only shows what our expenses were and what we've paid them, and recommended tabling this item.

MOTION: Upon a motion to TABLE made by Basil Tate and seconded by Calvin Williams, the Board members voted and the motion carried unanimously.

b. CONSIDERATION – COOLEY CONSTRUCTION DONATION

Consideration and possible action to approve the \$70,000 donation of top soil, grading and compaction of top soil by Cooley Construction on April 3 and 4 at Unity Park.

Chairman Jonny Williams stated that the dirt you see out there at the park came out of the Walgreens site and was put in the area where the barbeque cookoff was, basically 7,000 yards at \$10 a yard..

MOTION: Upon a motion to approve the \$70,000 donation of top soil, grading and compaction of top soil by Cooley Construction on April 3 and 4 at Unity Park made by Pat Zaiontz and seconded by Basil Tate, the Board members voted and the motion carried unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION/REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING ADOPTED PROJECTS

a. Unity Park

Chairman Jonny Williams already reported on the dirt being brought in to the barbeque cookoff site by Cooley Construction, and also stated that the two big dead oak trees will need to be taken down near the splashpad, and that vandals kicked a hole in the restroom near the splashpad.

MOTION: Upon a motion to table made by Basil Tate and seconded by Calvin Williams, the Board members voted and the motion carried unanimously.

b. Downtown Project
No report.

c. Economic Development Plan

i. Grow Magnolia

Economic Development Coordinator Deborah Rose Miller just briefly updated the Board that the comprehensive plan update was approved two months ago by City Council, the Steering Committee appointments were ratified Tuesday night by City Council, and on May 9th, Mrs. Miller stated that she will be asking each one of the Board members to serve on the listening groups at 9, 10, 11, and noon at City Hall, on April 26th at Unity Park, the Magnolia Community Foundation is hosting a pledge night dinner, "Smash & Splash," to raise non-profit private funds to build the pool and tennis courts, anticipating approximately 100 people to attend. Mrs. Miller further stated that 10% of the funds raised will go to a maintenance fund that will help with the maintenance until it gets up and running until it starts generating fees to offset the expenses.

d. Special Events

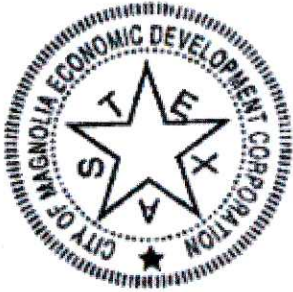
Covered in item #5. Economic Development Coordinator Deborah Rose Miller stated that the next event is May 12th (eve of Mother's Day), the Methodist Church is providing child care, two jazz groups are going to be performing, vendors, artists, students will be doing things out there. Mrs. Miller also stated that also there are seven banners showcased up on The Stroll in the area of Commerce Street and Dean Street, of the winning artwork from the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and there was an unveiling of the winners about two weeks ago. Also, out of the recent flag contest that was held, the runner up's art work is being considered to be painted on one of the fences.

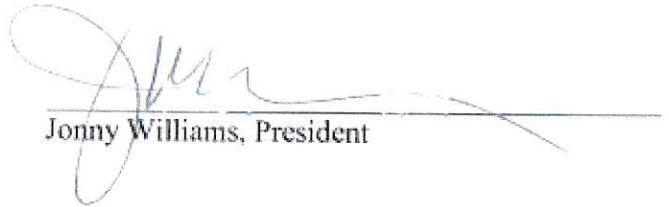
11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT


MOTION: Upon a motion to adjourn made by Calvin Williams and seconded by Pat Zaiontz, the Board members present voted, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 pm.




Jonny Williams, President

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the 4A EDC meeting held on April 12, 2012.

ATTEST:


Lynne George, City Secretary