



4A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2014 - 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 February 13, 2014, beginning at 4:34 p.m., in the Sewall Smith City Council Chambers located at 18111 Buddy Riley Blvd., Magnolia, Texas 77354.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jonny Williams called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm.

- a. **INVOCATION**
Basil Tate delivered the invocation.
- b. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Jonny Williams lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Jonny Williams called roll and certified a quorum present with the following Board members in attendance: Jonny Williams, Phyllis Stegen, Pat Zaiontz, Basil Tate, and Anne Sundquist

Absent: -0-

Staff present: Executive Director/City Administrator Paul Mendes, City Secretary Lynne George, Economic Development Coordinator Tana Ross

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 Tana Ross announced that sales tax was up 17.6% (although the state calculates 21%), and up 14.4% for the fiscal year, and she provided a copy of her report to the Board of the economic development activity, marketing, events, and her attendance to the Harris County Precinct 4 Destination Galore! Expo on February 11; America Homes has joined the builders in Magnolia Ridge, and that the city continues to be 91.5% – 92% retail occupied in spite of the closings. Hickory Hollow is under new ownership.

6. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – JANUARY 2013**

Basil Tate provided a brief summary of the financial condition of the corporation.

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.

- a. Approval of the 4A Economic Development Corporation minutes for the meeting held January 9, 2014.
- b. Tana Ross \$1,250.00

MOTION: Upon a motion to approve Consent Agenda items a. and b. made by Pat Zaiontz and seconded by Anne Sundquist, the Board members voted and the motion carried unanimously.

8. **ANNEXATION/ETJ UPDATE**

Update of annexation/ETJ proceedings.

Executive Director/City Administrator Paul Mendes reported that he had met with yet another developer today and will have another meeting with them on the 28th.

9. **DISCUSSION/REPORT ON ADOPTED PROJECTS**

Discussion/status report on the following adopted projects:

- a. Unity Park
Executive Director/City Administrator Paul Mendes reported that the police caught the recent park vandals and that the damage was pressure washed by the Public Works crew. Damage was estimated to be approximately \$1,500. Also, the sides/edges of the stone benches inside the pavilion are being chipped and marred from skateboarders banking on them and several are broken again. President Williams inquired about the additional features for the splashpad. Mr. Mendes stated that we could probably make them ourselves. Discussion followed regarding closing in the pavilion, and possibly implementing rental fees for the splashpad.
- b. Downtown Project
No report.
- c. Economic Development Plan
No report.
 - i. Grow Magnolia
No report.

d. Special Events

Phyllis Stegen reported that Mardi Gras on The Stroll and the Dancing Umbrella Parade will be on March 1st, there have been sponsorships pledged and/or received and there will be at least ten teams for the cookoff, and are hoping to have more.

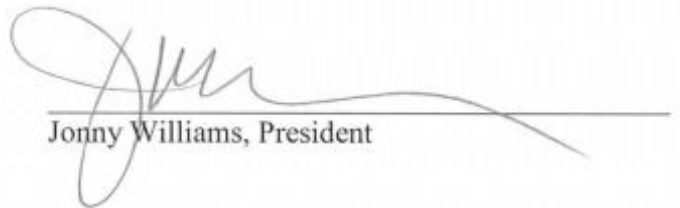
10. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCERNS AND REQUESTS

Phyllis Stegen expressed concern for a park for disabled children. The closest park for disabled children is in The Woodlands, and she has had a lady contact her about it and had wanted something to be done in Unity Park or another pocket park. Mr. Mendes stated that the playground equipment in the park is handicapped accessible. Ms. Stegen stated that it was difficult for disabled children to play there because of their disabilities, and to interact with other children because they can be mean, and that it would just be nice if these kids could have somewhere where they could just go to and not be hassled.

11. ADJOURNMENT

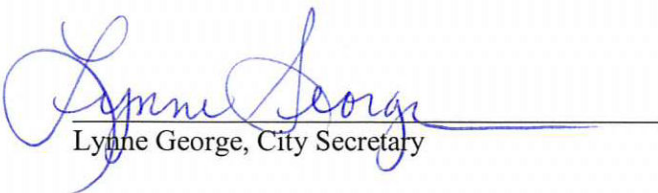
MOTION: Upon a motion to adjourn made by Pat Zaiontz and seconded by Basil Tate, the Board members voted, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.




Jonny Williams, President

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the 4A EDC meeting held on February 13, 2014.

ATTEST:


Lynne George, City Secretary