



4A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY JANUARY 10, 2013 - 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 January 10, 2013, 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

Jonny Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30 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, Pat Zaiontz, Basil Tate, Mickey Smith, and Phyllis Stegen

Absent: -0-

Staff present: Executive Director/City Administrator Paul Mendes, City Secretary Lynne George, Economic Development Coordinator Deborah Rose Miller

Guest: Tana Ross, Words, Inc.

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 passed out a copy of the tax information to the Board and announced that permits are being pulled for a Leslie's Pool Supply to go in over by Domino's Pizza. Ms. Miller stated that sales tax is still down slightly by 2.5% for this month and 5% for the fiscal year. All that the comptroller's office can share with her is there is no significant drop on anything and that we are probably still suffering from that correction we had at the first of the fiscal year. 2012 was one of our best tax years short of 2008 which was our record high, last year was very good. January is traditionally our lowest month, with February being one of our highest, so she is looking forward to next month, and the next 90 days.

6. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – DECEMBER 2012**

Provided in packet.

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 December 13, 2012.
- b. Deborah Rose Miller \$1,333.85
- c. Liles Parker (Inv. #10158) \$ 74.00
- d. Robert VanWassehnova, CPA \$2,000.00

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

8. **ANNEXATION/ETJ UPDATE**

Update of annexation/ETJ proceedings.

Economic Development Coordinator Deborah Rose Miller updated the Board by stating that the focus for 2013 will be finishing up the ETJ to protect our borders and continuing annexation dialogue with Grand Oaks/Glen Oaks, including the new owners are very open about opening up a proposed road between FM 1774 to Nichols Sawmill which would open the back part up for commercial development.

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

Discussion/status report on the following adopted projects:

- a. Unity Park

Economic Development Coordinator Deborah Rose Miller updated the Board by stating that in 2012, the interlocal agreement with MISD was dissolved for the recreation center. The bids for the tennis center are going out in February and the facility should be completed and up and running by late summer. They are already making plans to host large community tournaments and bringing in some folks from the U.S. Tennis Association that should open up a whole new market for us.

Executive Director/City Administrator Paul Mendes reported that he found some refrigeration equipment that will be very useful for the serving area during an event down there – a stainless steel refrigerator from Texas Surplus, 8' x 8' x 4' with double doors for \$200.

b. Downtown Project

Economic Development Coordinator Deborah Rose Miller suggested taking on a shopping center or block to visit businesses, hand out a business card, introduce yourself, distribute the 2013 calendars and flyers, etc. and asked the Board for volunteers.

c. Economic Development Plan

i. Grow Magnolia

Economic Development Coordinator Deborah Rose Miller commented that the comprehensive plan is key and will set the tone. Next month on February 28th, from 6 pm to 8 pm, which is the last Thursday, will be the last workshop meeting with the Zoning Committee, 4A, 4B, Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council to hash out the last of the comprehensive plan update details.

d. Special Events

Economic Development Coordinator Deborah Rose Miller announced that Mardi Gras will be on February 9, 2013 and that they are going for the community's first Guinness World Record and the goal is 2,000 Dancing Umbrellas as they stroll down The Stroll. Additionally there will be a Cajun Cookoff, jazz band, etc.

10. **DISCUSSION – PROJECT INVOLVEMENT**

Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding getting involved with a new project.

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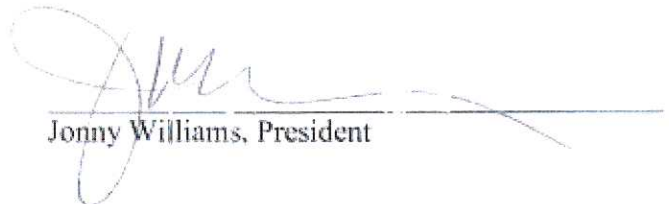
11. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCERNS AND REQUESTS**

None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Upon a motion to adjourn made by Phyllis Stegen and seconded by Mickey Smith, the Board members present voted, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 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 January 10, 2013.

ATTEST:



Lynne George, City Secretary