

LORENA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018
LORENA CITY HALL
107-A S. Frontage Rd.
Lorena, Texas 76655

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Verification of Agenda Posting

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm and Chairman Anderton noted that the meeting was posted in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act and a quorum was present. Members Present: David Anderton, Mark McLean, Kyle Miller, William Taverner; Members Absent: Kelly Yarbrough, John Johnston, and Chad Hanson; Also, Present, City Manager Joseph Pace, Consultant – Jason Mundo of Mundo and Associates, Inc, and Lorena resident Brad Wetzel;

2. Visitors Comments/Open Forum

No visitor comments. No action was taken.

3. Chairman's Report, EDC Mail and Communications

No report was given. No action was taken.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the following:

4A) EDC Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2017.

Mark McLean moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 14, 2017. Kyle Miller seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the following:

5A) EDC Financial Reports and bill payments – September 2017, October 2017, November 2017, and December 2017.

Treasurer Mark McLean presented the financial reports and bill payments for September, October, November, and December. Kyle Miller moved the approve the financial reports and bill payments for September 2017, October 2017, November 2017, and December 2017. William Taverner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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6. Discussion and possible action on submitting application to American Planning Association 2018 Great Places In Texas program, Great Streets category, for Lorena's downtown Center Street.

Consultant Jason Mundo presented information to the Board on the APA's Great Places In Texas program. The Board asked Mr. Mundo to keep them informed about the program.

7. Discussion on Downtown Historical Trail Planning.

Consultant Jason Mundo discussed with the Board planning ideas for a Downtown Historical Trail based around the concept originally presented by Lorena 6th grade students at a City Council meeting a couple years prior. Mr. Mundo presented a Trail Layout exhibit with example wayfinding sign exhibits. Mr. Mundo noted that trail planning was a goal/objective of the Strategic Plan, was a EDC Budget line item for the current fiscal year, and is an item requested as part of the public input survey. Mr. Mundo added that trails are considered a quality of life amenity that improve walkability and interconnectivity within the community. The Board directed Mr. Mundo to postpone/table any Historical Trail Planning at this time as they would like to focus on Gateway Monument Signage.

8. Discussion on Gateway Monument Sign Planning.

Consultant Jason Mundo discussed Gateway Monument Sign Planning with the Board. Mr. Mundo presented the Board with TxDOT's requirements for Gateway Monument Signs on TxDOT right-of-way property. Mr. Mundo presented the Board with aerial image exhibits of a possible site location for a Gateway Monument on southbound IH-35 north of Exit 323 in TxDOT right-of-way between the frontage road and IH-35 main lanes that is located outside of TxDOT's Clear Zone. The Board directed Mr. Mundo to present the Board with an exhibit at the February EDC meeting such that the Board can finalize the selection of a site for the Gateway Monument Sign on the north side of the City.

9. Update on Lorena TIRZ #1 East

Mr. Mundo updated the Board on the progress of Lorena TIRZ #1 East. Mr. Mundo noted that construction of the Phase 1 Sanitary Sewer Line, Force Main, and Lift Station was ongoing with 2 months of construction complete. Mr. Mundo added in December that City Council and the County had approved the expansion of Lorena TIRZ #1 East to include Basin G and that the Phase 2 design of the Sanitary Sewer Force Main and Lift Station in Basin G had completed its first month. Completion of the Phase 1 construction is scheduled for end of August 2018 and Phase 2 construction is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2018. No action was taken.

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10. Update on Lorena EDC Budget FY2017-2018

Consultant Jason Mundo updated the Board that in December, Jason Mundo presented the Lorena EDC Budget to City Council at their December 12 meeting and that Council took action to approve the EDC Budget for FY2017-2018.

11. Discussion and possible action on setting 2018 meeting dates of the Lorena EDC.

The Board discussed possible meeting dates for 2018. Thoughts expressed ranged from not having meetings in July and December as they tend to conflict with holidays to possibly not having a meeting in March if it conflicted with Spring Break. The Board generally agreed to have monthly meetings as needed based on objective goals and action items they wish to achieve for the EDC projects. No action was taken.

12. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 7:11 pm.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

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| David Anderton, Board Chairman | Date | Kyle Miller, Board Secretary | Date |
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