

**LORENA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019
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 6:08 pm and Treasurer McLean noted that the meeting was posted in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act and a quorum was present. Members Present: Kelly Yarbrough, Mark McLean, Kyle Miller, Chad Hanson, William Taverner, and Steve Meadows. Members Absent: David Anderton. Also, Present, City Manager Joseph Pace, Chris McGowan (RKS), and Consultant – Jason Mundo of Mundo and Associates.

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. Action Items

4A. Discussion and possible action to approve the following:

EDC Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2019

The Board reviewed the April 1 meeting minutes. Mark McLean moved to approve the April 1, 2019 meeting minutes. Chad Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4B. Discussion and possible action to approve the following:

EDC Financial Reports and bill payments – April 2019

Treasurer McLean presented the financial reports and the Board discussed them. William Taverner moved to approve the financial reports and bill payments April 2019. Kyle Miller seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4C. Discussion and possible action on re-design and replacement of fading IH-35 billboard vinyl.

The Board reviewed designs prepared by William Taverner and by Lamar Advertising based on feedback and design guidelines given by the Lorena EDC at the April meeting. The Board discussed and generally liked a hybrid design combining the best parts of a design presented by William Taverner and a Lamar Advertising design. Kelly moved to approve the proposed hybrid design, direct consultant Mundo, William Taverner and Mark McLean to coordinate the hybrid design with Lamar Advertising, and approve the expenditure of \$1,000 to contract with Lamar Advertising on the design, manufacture, and installation of the new billboard vinyl. Kyle Miller seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously approved.

4D. Discussion and possible action on proposed Gateway Monument Design from local sign manufacturers based on LEDC concept design.

The Board reviewed designs submitted from local sign manufacturers. The Board discussed and generally agreed that they did not like the boulder designs and that the other gateway monument design needed additional revisions. The Board directed Mr. Mundo to submit their design feedback to the manufacturers and pursue additional manufacturers as well. No action was taken.

5. Information Items

5A. Discussion on splash pad and splash pad site selection.

Mr. Mundo discussed with the Board splash pad site possibilities including 2 sites at McBrayer park and one site adjacent to City Hall. It was explained that McBrayer Park is in a FEMA Floodway that has a base flood elevation 6 feet above the parking space elevation and that Lorena ordinances prohibit construction in a Floodway. It was added that flood waters would significantly damage the pumps, sprayers, and hydraulic equipment of a splash pad. As a result it was noted that McBrayer Park could not be a location for the proposed splash pad.

The half-acre lot next to City Hall was also discussed and it was noted that the site would help address several goals of the recently adopted 2019-2028 Lorena Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan including: creating new parkland; and spatial expansion of parkland to the east side of Lorena. Additionally it was noted that the site was adjacent to existing neighborhoods without parkland, could be connected with a short trail along the fence line, has plenty of available parking next to City Hall, adjacent to existing water and sewer lines, and has plenty of space to add two additional features for a competitive grant application.

Mr. Mundo asked the Board and City Manager to think of other sites that could be used for the creation of new parkland. In addition, Mr. Mundo said he would review other Lorena properties for possible parkland expansion. No action was taken.

5B. Update on State of Texas 86th Legislative Session and any potential impact upon Lorena EDC.

Consultant Mundo updated the Board on the current state of bills filed in the Legislature that could impact Lorena or the EDC, in particular the SB2/HB2 property tax legislation and some sales tax legislation as well. No action was taken.

5C. Update on Mitchell-Tully properties voluntary annexation.

Mr. Mundo updated the Board that the City of Lorena was completing the voluntary annexation of the Mitchell-Tully properties in the Lorena ETJ at the upcoming City Council meeting. No action was taken.

5D. Update on successful Saturday in the Park event, April 27, by Lorena Chamber of Commerce.

The Board discussed and congratulated the Lorena Chamber of Commerce and City of Lorena on a successful Saturday in the Park event. No action was taken.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 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.

David Anderton,
Board Chairman

Date

Kyle Miller,
Board Secretary

Date