

**LORENA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009, AT 5:30 P.M.
LORENA CITY HALL
222 N. Frontage Road, Lorena, Texas 76655**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Verification of Agenda Posting

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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, John Taverner, Mark McLean, Kelly Yarbrough, Mark Richardson, and Tony Chaffin. Members Absent: Jeff Keahey. Also Present: Mayor Chuck Roper, Interim City Manager Gary Whittle, Consultants – Pam Mundo and Jason Mundo, Rev. John Lewis of Waco (817-707-2211), Kimberly Martin of Lorena (254-857-3064), Amos Long of Killeen (254-690-2426), Braxton Gilkey of Killeen (254-213-1120).

2. Visitor Comments/Open Forum

No visitor comments were received in the Open Forum.

3. Information Items

A. Chairman's Report

1. EDC Mail and Communications

No Action Taken

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approve EDC Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2009.

Mr. McLean moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2009. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

5. Discussion with local residents and former members of the former Mt. Rose Missionary Baptist Church regarding the former church building condition.

The former members of the former Mt. Rose Missionary Baptist Church spoke to the EDC Directors about the former church's significance to the black community and their request to recognize the community and the church by dedicating or preserving the church in some way. The EDC Directors presented an independent study showing that the church building is not structurally sound and is uninhabitable. The EDC recognized the importance of the church building to the community and suggested the former church members raise funds in

the next 12 months. The EDC pledged to try to match their funds raised for use in improvements to the church monument and possibly for use in the construction of a picnic structure while trying to retain and preserve the original bricks of the building.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the Lorena EDC Financial Reports for October 2009, approval of bill payments, and discussion of interest rates for accounts.

A motion was made by John Taverner to approve the Financial Reports for October of 2009 and approval of bill payments. Kelly Yarbrough seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Discussion regarding the IH-35 Expansion through Lorena.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed IH-35 expansion and the Board was notified of the upcoming Council Workshop on IH-35 Expansion to be held with TxDOT on Monday, November 16 at 5:30 pm at City Hall. No action was taken.

8. Discussion and options of McBrayer park improvement for possible action regarding Small Communities Grant Application of the Texas Parks and Wildlife due January 31, 2010 and other opportunities for parks and recreational facilities.

Pam Mundo presented an exhibit showing the tracts of land comprising the McBrayer park area and the land area owned by the Lorena EDC. Pam Mundo presented a study identifying the existing park facilities, a list of possible improvements to the park, and a list of park estimates. General discussion was held on developing a list of possible improvements to the park not to exceed approximately \$75,000 to take to City Council for their consideration and a possible public hearing prior to making application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

9. Report on the construction startup meeting of the Downtown Revitalization Project.

John Taverner reported to the Board that construction had started with the parking along Bordon Street. No action taken.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding Billboard Panel renewal agreement.

John Taverner made a motion to approve the renewal of the Billboard Panel agreement. Tony Chaffin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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

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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

Kelly Yarbrough,
Board Secretary

Date