

CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE

Conference Room, City Hall One Troyan Drive Meadows Place, TX 77477

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 14, 2015

Present were President Terry Henley, Vice President Bob Graf and Directors Harry Hamilton, David Lantz, Kurt Kopczynski, Clyde Little, and Margaret Sandlin. Also present was Mayor Charles D. Jessup IV.

1. Call to Order:

President Terry Henley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Minutes for Approval:

March 12, 2015	Regular Meeting
April 20, 2015	Special Joint Meeting with Council
April 28, 2015	Special Joint Meeting with Council
April 28, 2015	1 st Joint Public Hearing with Council
April 28, 2015	2 nd Joint Public Hearing with Council

Director Sandlin moved to **approve** the above minutes and Director Kopczynski seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous vote.

3. New Business:

- a. Meadows Place Community Garden Discussion and Possible Action
 - Bob Dybala made a presentation of the status of the Community Garden Project, future plans, and estimated costs to accomplish these plans totaling an estimated \$3,549.
 - President Henley offered to ask HGAC to contribute \$400 for the tax-exempt filing fee through one of their funds.
 - After discussion by the EDC, Director Sandlin moved the EDC approve \$3500 to go to this project. This was seconded by Director Kopczynski and passed by a unanimous vote.

b. Elect Corporation Secretary

Director Hamilton nominated Director Little for Secretary. Director Lantz seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Committee Reports & Plans:

- a. Commercial Property Update Bob Graf
 - Little movement on developing and leasing properties.
 - Suya preparing new location in the shopping center at W. Airport & Kirkwood.
 - Meadows Place P&Z will meet on May 23rd to discuss changes or additions to present regulation that could facilitate the planning for new businesses.
 - The Oasis property between the pond and parking lot (2 ¾ acres) is up for sale at a price of \$8,000,000.
 - TEDC and Houston Regional ED has requested that Meadows Place support Texas House Bill #26, which will give the Texas Enterprise Fund \$200,000,000.
 - Mayor Jessup reported that Extreme Realty may lease the Shell station at W. Airport & Hwy. 59 and renovate and possibly enlarge.
- b. EDC Website Facebook -Update David Lantz
 - Presented copies of new City logo produced by Chris Hill's Imagination Monkey for the new City landing page.
 - Recommended a photo gallery be assembled, giving the ability to change pictures on the landing page periodically.
 - Needs more guidelines for Facebook as to contents. Recommends that Chris Hill be involved more in developing Facebook.
 - Mayor Jessup commented that our Facebook should not accept comments.

 Director Lance insisted that comments on any Facebook should be received and that they could be edited.
 - Recommended Chris Hill produce an interactive map for the landing page.
 - It was agreed that EDC meet with Mr. Hill and give him a list of our needs.
- c. City Web Video Harry Hamilton
 - Working with Mayor Jessup on website video commentary.
 - Recommended that the City contract a professional to aid in organizing the video.

- d. Residential Liaison Realtor Branding Margaret Sandlin
 - Director Sandlin has scheduled T. W. Ross, a well known broker/realtor with Sotheby's International Realty, for a meeting on Wednesday, May 20th to comment and make recommendations for real estate branding. Mayor Jessup, Councilman Isbell and Directors Little and Kopczynski will also attend.
 - Listing of homes in Meadows Place are often erroneously placed in other communities that have "Meadows" in their names. One home was found listed in Alief.
 - The official Newcomers' Guide could not be accessed beyond page 24, before the Meadows Place listing.
 - Director Kopczynski agreed to produce a guide for staging a home for sale.
- e. Hike/Bike Trail Clyde Little
 - Walked the estimated 3,000 feet of the county drainage ditch to gain some idea on where to locate the path.
 - Recommended that the initial path should be only for jogging or walking as it is so restricted that a cyclist would have no reason to use it.
 - Made suggestions on location.
 - Discussed security concerns regarding multi-use paths.

5. Mayor's Comments:

a. Emergency Management Services for Meadows Place

Discussions with County and Stafford officials are moving rapidly toward a location in Meadows Place.

b. Potential Media/Ads for Meadows Place

We need to get our name out to the media, repeating the unique city we have: "A one square mile city with its own government, police force, fire station, EMS service, top-rated elementary school, zoned to include Dulles High School with its highly rated engineering and college preparatory curriculum, two beautiful parks, and a recreation center with pool."

6. **President's Comments:**

a. MPCDP Joint Council/EDC Meeting 4/20/2015

Highlighted the MPCDP guidelines and process portion of the meeting as being very constructive.

- b. Dorrance Lane Reconstruction Update
 - A single bid has been approved for \$91,000.
 - Timing is a major concern. Must be coordinated with West Airport project to prevent traffic congestion.
 - A possibility to secure a portion of costs from Texas Auto.
- c. Kirkwood Road Reconstruction Study
 - HGAC has not contracted this study, but may do so at the end of this week.
 - Meadows Place may be asked for \$10,000 by HGAC to help pay for the study.
- d. Ad Layout from Chris Hill, Imagination Monkey

Discussed in Mayor comments.

7. Adjournment:

Director Hamilton moved to adjourn at 9:57 p.m., seconded by Director Graf. The motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved by the EDC on ___

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