

Waxahachie Community Development Corporation
February 14, 2017

A regular meeting of the Waxahachie Community Development Corporation was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Members Present: John Sanders, III, President
Mike Ramsey, Vice President
Kevin Strength, Mayor
Paul Stevens, City Manager
Bob Lynn
Daniel Morton
Layne Ballard

Ex-Officio Lori Saunders, City Secretary
Member Present: Pete Havel, President, Chamber of Commerce
Charles Harris, Director of Finance

Others Present: Michael Scott, Assistant City Manager
Steve Chapman, City Attorney
John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation
Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention & Visitors Bureau
April Ortiz, Civic Center Director
James Villarreal, Recreational Superintendent
Chris Seale, Horticulturist

President John Sanders called the meeting to order.

Vice President Mike Ramsey moved to approve minutes of the WCDC meeting of December 13, 2016. Mr. Daniel Morton seconded, **All Ayes.**

Mr. Jim Phillips, 606 West Marvin, Waxahachie, working in conjunction with the 2016 Class of Leadership Waxahachie, presented a rendering of the proposed Waxahachie Amphitheater located south of the train depot. The rendering portrayed entry monument; ticketing plaza picnic seating; splash pad/water jets; pedestrian bridge; pavilion/stage; amphitheater/brick retaining/walls; grove/picnic area; amphitheater expansion/grills picnic tables and preserved vegetation. Mr. Phillips stated trees will be lighted and when the water feature is not in use it can become a dance floor and trees will be lighted.

Mr. Phillips stated Halff and Associates designed the rendering and the budget with all amenities is approximately 2.7 million dollars. If park equipment is added the cost will increase. The largest cost is the three (3) level seating. Time frame to complete after date of approval is 18 – 20 months.

Discussion was held pertaining to funding the project.

Mr. Charles Harris, Director of Finance, stated there are so many options such as bonding, fund balance and explained the Board will need to determine how much is going to be paid out of the fund balance.

President Sanders stated the Board will have more discussion with Finance at their next meeting to look at refunding some bonding and look at the Corporation's funding capabilities. He asked for more detail on the parking lot and cost at the Sports Complex.

President Sanders thanked Leadership Waxahachie for their attendance and compassion for the project.

No action taken.

Ms. Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), reported she has been in contact with the founder of Sisters on the Fly noting it is comprised of lady campers with vintage trailers. She stated the founding sisters have sponsors, trailers, and connections nation-wide to put a women's outdoor venture park at Getzendaner Park attracting approximately 100 campers. Ms. Mosley stated the camping will be the weekend of the Film Festival which has the opportunity to attract women to the film festival, shopping, dining, and some will stay in hotels. The founder of Sisters on the Fly requested CVB sponsorship cover her travel and hotel stay. Ms. Mosley requested funding from the CVB contingency fund up to \$5,000 to cover travel and additional portable restroom trailers at the park.

After further discussion, Mr. Bob Lynn moved to approve up to \$5,000 from the CVB contingency fund to sponsor the Girl Camper/Sisters on the Fly Texas Rally as presented. Mayor Kevin Strength seconded, **All Ayes.**

Assistant City Manager Michael Scott presented a proposal for internet cabling at the Civic Center. He explained a CAT 6 data drop is necessary specifically for the numerous credit card machines used during events. CAT 6 will run to 32 different locations throughout the Civic Center. Mr. Scott stated the approximate cost is \$5,200.00.

After further discussion, President John Sanders moved to approve up to \$6,000 for internet cabling at the Civic Center as presented. Vice President Mike Ramsey seconded, **All Ayes.**

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Mr. John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation announced the rocket ship theme play station at Chapman Park is under construction. He stated the recent grand opening of the play station at Brown-Singleton Park was a great event.

City Manager Paul Stevens stated Little Creek Hike and Bike Trail is under design.

Ms. Laurie Mosley, Director of Convention and Visitors Bureau, announced Waxahachie was recently recognized as one of the most romantic Main Street locations.

Mr. Chris Seale, Horticulturist, stated flowers are planted and starting to come up.

Mayor Kevin Strength stated he appreciates what everyone does.

There being no further business, Vice President Mike Ramsey moved the meeting adjourn at 4:40 p.m. Mr. Layne Ballard seconded, **All Ayes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Saunders
City Secretary