

CITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF EL CAMPO
REGULAR MEETING
May 23, 2011

Board Members Present: Gwen Willis, Randy Collins, David Allgayer, Wesley Lange

Board Members Absent: Alan Heskamp

Staff Present: Chandra Spenrath, Executive Director; Jessica Shanks, Executive Assistant

CDC Attorney: Ronny Collins, Duckett, Bouligny & Collins

Others Present: Michael Wall, Mark VanGorp, Lorie VanGorp, and Blake Lurker, El Campo Little League; Mindi Snyder, El Campo City Manager; Steve Ward, El Campo City Councilman; Kyle Smith, University of Houston Coastal Plains Small Business Development Center.

1. President Willis called the Meeting to order at 3:00 pm.
2. President Willis took roll of Directors and noted a QUORUM - Board Director Alan Heskamp was absent.
3. The minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2011 were in the Board Book for approval.

MOTION to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2011 as presented was made by Wesley Lange and Seconded by David Allgayer. The Motion passed unanimously.

4. The bills and financial reports for the month of April were reviewed.

President Willis Moved to Agenda Item #6 Update on Project Diamond/EC Little League.

5. Update on Project Diamond/EC Little League, discuss and take any necessary action.

Michael Wall updated the Board stating that the Little League Board has secured Penland & Associates, out of Sugar Land, to do the design and engineering of the Project. One of the associates with Penland grew up in El Campo, another associate grew up in Weimar, and he is very familiar with El Campo. A surveyor out of Wharton has also been hired. A meeting was held with the El Campo Little League Board and City of El Campo representatives, including City Manager Mindi Snyder. Based on that meeting the Little League is still going forward with the arrangements that were originally proposed to the CDC, which could still change based on whether the designs are completed and the project still being feasible with the June 2012 deadline.

Lorie VanGorp stated that she has applied for at least 40 grants online, some have responded with a “no”, some requested the Little League re-apply and some the Little League has not received a response from.

President Willis asked if a specific dollar amount has been given from the Rotary Club of El Campo. Michael Wall responded “no”. Randy Collins asked if the Little League has received a

firm commitment from any grant foundations. Michael Wall responded the Baseball Tomorrow Fund still has not responded, but the Little League meets their requirements strongly – otherwise no.

Executive Director Spenrath asked if the Little League had a timeline on when they would receive the engineering for the new project, in consideration of the agreement that the Board of the CDC has design approval. Michael Wall responded that he hoped to receive the plans within 90 days.

City Manager Mindi Snyder stated that plans are still going forward for a Westside Park. El Campo City Council will appoint a committee at tonight's meeting.

6. Discuss and take possible action on expiring terms of CDC Board Members and consider making recommendations to City Council for the appointment of Board Members.

President Gwen Willis's term is expiring in June and two people have applied with the City of El Campo to serve on the CDC Board – Kinnan Stockton and Linda Raun. The Board of Directors came to the consensus to let Council appoint without a recommendation from the Board, since that both individuals would be an asset to the CDC Board.

7. Update on Revitalization Campaign.

Executive Director Spenrath reported the Revitalization Campaign was very successful. Pictures of completed projects were included in the Board Packet.

8. President Willis Adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.