

MONTGOMERY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES
July 17, 2017

Present were: Kirk Jones, Amy Brown, Bill Hanover, Cheryl Fox. John Champagne and Randy Moravec. Bob Kerr was absent. Also present were, Chris Roznovsky, Katherine Ferry and Jack Yates

Call to Order - President Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Open Public Comment – Beth Gault was present and asked how golf carts were going to be able to get Kroger's. Mr. Yates responded that Lone Star Parkway would have a wider shoulder after its construction. Pres. Jones said perhaps the developer West of Kroger's could place a pass-through from Buffalo Springs to Gardner Street.

Approval of Minutes of June 19, and June 29, 2017 - Motion by Fox seconded by Champagne to approve the minutes of June 19 as corrected and June 29 as presented. All in favor.

Monthly Financial Report (April, May, June 2017) - Mr. Moravec discussed the issue of timing of entry into the accounts of payments made in the months following the initial purchase. Motion by Moravec seconded by Hanover to approve the April and May financial reports. All in favor.

Mr. Moravec noted in the June report that the investments were shown twice and that a correction was needed. Motion by Moravec seconded by Hanover to approve the June financial report. All in favor

Request for funds for Fall Festival and Haunted House Event – Charla Landrum - Ms. Landrum said she was the President of the Montgomery Belles. Ms. Landrum said she was requesting \$2500 to increase advertising, time of the event and to expand to more community participation. Mr. Champagne asked about the attendance of the event and Ms. Landrum replied 800 to 900 people with a net of approximately \$11,000 this past year. Specifically, Ms. Landrum is requesting MEDC funds to pay for additional lighting, promotional activities and turning the event into an expanded Fall Festival. Mr. Moravec asked if the downtown businesses had been approached about this idea. Mary Kaough, was present and said that she represented the HMBA as a board member and that the HMBA was in favor of the event. Mr. Champagne asked for financial report if the event received MEDC funding. Mrs. Fox said funding would result in an improvement to the Belles and to the community.

Motion by Fox seconded by Hanover to fund the \$2500 is requested. Mr. Jones, Champagne, Hanover and Fox voted yes, and Moravec and Brown voted no. Motion passed.

Request for Funds for Cub Scout/HMBA Patriotic Flag and Banner Display in Downtown area – Rebecca Huss - Ms. Huss was present and said she was the director of Cub Scout Pack 907. She said the HMBA is the sponsor of the Pack and that the Pack wants to support HMBA by placing flags and bunting on businesses throughout the downtown area. The Cub Scouts would do the work and flag and bunting replacement costs and future maintenance would be borne by the business owners. Mary Kaough, of the HMBA, said that the HMBA supported the idea. Ms. Huss said that 29 Texas and USA flags and 13 buntings were planned. The expectation for placing the flags is late July this year.

Motion by Champagne seconded by Brown to approve one half of the requested amount of \$9500 to the HMBA and Pack 907 as a grant project. All in favor.

Presentation of Draft MEDC 2017-2018 Budget -- Jack Yates gave a line item by line and review of what the budget included (attached to minutes). Ms. Brown asked about the wisdom of continuing to fund the Wine Festival due to its self-supporting funds that it raises. The Board discussed and directed Jack Yates to have the Wine Festival, Texian Heritage and Christmas in Montgomery to present their financial information to the Board. Antiques Festival is not asked to present since they reported at the previous MEDC meeting. No action taken.

Discuss/Take action Regarding Calling a Public Hearing on 2017-2018 Budget -- Motion by Champagne seconded by Brown to call a public hearing for August 21, 2017 to consider the 2017-2018 MEDC budget. All in favor.

Downtown Parking Lot Project -- Jack Yates presented that he had three quotes on the paving of the parking lot. One quote was for \$37000, one for \$43,000 and one for \$73,000. Chris Roznovsky said that all three were based upon the same specifications. Jack said he was requesting approval up to \$38,000 for the paving of the parking area.

Motion by Moravec seconded by Fox to approve up to \$38,000 for the paving contract. All in favor.

Economic Development Report – Jack Yates reported that he was still trying to work with TxDOT for a local meeting. Jack then reported that Home Focus had submitted the text for the historic markers for the Distrix program and that he had Barbie Jorge together with Shawna Reilly to support the Sip and Stroll event.

Chris Roznovsky reported that the 105 water line in front of Heritage Medical Center was to start tomorrow. Chris also reported that Houston Street plans for the new paving was being reviewed.

Adjournment -- Motion by Fox seconded by Moravec to adjourn at 7:44 PM. All in favor.



Jack Yates, Recording Secretary

