The City of Liberty

Liberty Community Development Corporation

Meeting

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Tuesday, August 16, 2016 **6:00 PM** **City Council Chambers**

The Liberty Community Development Corporation of Liberty, Texas reserves the right to meet in closed session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dennis Beasley	President	Absent	
Mike McCarty	Vice-President	Present	
Louie Potetz	Board Member	Present	
Barbara Norwood	Board Member	Present	
Leslie Herndon	Board Member	Present	
David Arnold	Board Member	Absent	
Mark Campbell	Board Member	Present	
Gary Broz	General Manager	Present	
Dianne Tidwell	Corp Secretary	Present	
Brandon Davis	City Attorney	Present	

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS / CITIZENS FORUM

LCDC Vice-President Mike McCarty welcomed guests and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Board. There were no comments from the audience.

Vice-President McCarty gave an update on President Beasley's recent illness, stating that he would be leaving the hospital today.

III. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS

A. LCDC Information Item (ID # 3588)

Project Updates - Gen. Mgr. G. Broz

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

General Manager Gary Broz reported that there are five new homes under construction in the City, he is working with two new manufacturing businesses to locate here, and continuing efforts on economic development.

B. LCDC Information Item (ID # 3589)

Finance Report - Gen. Mgr. G. Broz

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

General Manager Gary Broz reported that as of July 31, 2016, the LCDC fund balance is $2.572 million, large expenditures of the Corporation include payments for the new street construction, Woodsprings Drive, and the new Fire Department tanker truck. Mr. Broz concluded by stating that sales tax revenues are approximately 2% below the budgeted amount.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

All consent items listed are considered to be routine by the LCDC and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board Member so requests, and if such a request is made, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Louie Potetz, Board Member
SECONDER:	Barbara Norwood, Board Member
AYES:	McCarty, Potetz, Norwood, Herndon, Campbell
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley, David Arnold

A. Minutes Approval

1. Tuesday, June 21, 2016

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. LCDC Corporation Action 2016-7

Presentation by representatives of the Liberty ISD Education Foundation regarding the 2017 Liberty Freedom Ride, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Bruce Wright, LISD Education Foundation, was present to address the Council regarding the 2017 Liberty Freedom Ride. Mr. Wright detailed the fundraiser, the large number of those participating, with 84.6% being from out of town, and the many compliments received from these participants. Mr. Wright reported on the plans for the 2017 ride to include City Hall as the gathering place, ride to begin and end at the Liberty Opry, and the need for funding assistance. Mr. Wright stated that the funds raised provide grants to teachers, supporting the academic futures of the students.

Following discussion of this event drawing a significant amount of individuals to the community, encouraging safe bike routes and active lifestyles, and other related issues, a motion was made to expend $7500 toward the sponsorship and funding of the 2017 LISD Freedom Ride.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [4 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Barbara Norwood, Board Member
SECONDER:	Mark Campbell, Board Member
AYES:	Mike McCarty, Louie Potetz, Barbara Norwood, Mark Campbell
ABSTAIN:	Leslie Herndon
ABSENT:	Dennis Beasley, David Arnold

2. LCDC Corporation Action (ID # 3591)

Consider a request from Liberty County to place temporary buildings on the former Mercy Hospital property for use as office space, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Vice-President McCarty stated the County withdrew their request, there was no discussion or action taken.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN**

3. LCDC Corporation Action (ID # 3592)

Consider an expenditure for downtown sidewalk improvements, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

General Manager Gary Broz reported that TxDOT will soon begin a project to rehabilitate Main Street, from Hwy. 90 to Grand Street. Mr. Broz spoke with TxDOT Area Engineer Omar De Leon regarding a project to rebuild the sidewalks on the east side of Main Street, from Tarver Abstract to Coats Jewelers, in conjunction with the street project. Mr. Broz reported that the State does not have anyone to design the project, but if the City would like to find an engineer to design the sidewalk project, Mr. De Leon could possibly find the monies to fund the additional project.

After further discussion, consensus of the Board was for management to return to the Board with firm numbers for the cost of the sidewalk rehabilitation.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN**

4. LCDC Corporation Action (ID # 3593)

Discussion of the levee in regard to floodplain mapping, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

This agenda item was passed on, as General Manger Broz reported that he had not yet received the information necessary for discussion of this item.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN**

5. LCDC Work Session (ID # 3594)

Discussion and review of the LCDC proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

General Manager Gary Broz briefly reported on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Mr. Broz stated that the two largest budget expenditures are for payment of the new street, and payment for the Fire Department tanker truck. Mr. Broz further reported that these expenditures leave approximately $600,000 to use for other projects or to increase the fund balance.

6. LCDC Corporation Action (ID # 3595)

Consider participation, with Texas Parks & Wildlife, in the construction of a new boat ramp on the Trinity River, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Broz reported that management had attempted to negotiate with a group to purchase property for the installation of a new boat ramp on the east side of the Trinity River. However, that group has now begun construction of a private boat ramp on that same property. The project is no longer feasible.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN**

7. LCDC Corporation Action (ID # 3596)

Consider improvements to the walking trail at the Liberty Municipal Park, and take any action deemed necessary.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mr. Broz reported that the City had applied for a grant with Texas Parks & Wildlife, twice, and was unsuccessful both times. Mr. Broz reported on the condition of the walking trail and the need for rehabilitation. Mr. Broz proposed the resurfacing of the trail with the use of hot mix asphalt and concrete, and additional seating areas, for a cost estimate of approximately $300,000.

After lengthy discussion, the Board's consensus was for management to return to the Board, at a future meeting, with a plan and firm numbers for project completion.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Board, Vice-President Beasley adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Dennis Beasley, President

ATTEST:

Dianne Tidwell, City Secretary