

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CEDAR HILL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Meeting of May 9, 2011**

The Board of Directors of the Cedar Hill Economic Development Corporation met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2011 in the City of Cedar Hill Government Center, Administrative Conference Room, 4th Floor, 285 Uptown Blvd, Bldg. 100, Cedar Hill, Texas.

Directors Present: *President Jerry White, Vice President Bill Strock and Directors Dennis Brock, Kenneth Govan, Michael Lemmon, Earl Wooten and Angela Berry-Roberson*

Directors Unable to be Present: *Director Johnny Wallace and Chamber of President Amanda Skinner*

Staff Present: *Director Allison Thompson, and Marketing, Events, and Business Retention Manager Michaela Dollar and Executive Assistant Jean Dyer*

1. Call the meeting to order:

President Jerry White called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., declaring it an open meeting, that a quorum was present, and that the meeting was duly posted.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: United States and Texas Flag

3. Invocation: Kenneth Govan

4. Consent Agenda:

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and are generally enacted in one motion.

The Board considered the following Consent Agenda item:

A. Consider approving the April 4, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Consider approving the March 2011 Financials:

- Benchmark/Incentive Status Reports

President White entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Michael Lemmon made a motion with a second by Bill Strock, and passed unanimously.

5. Cedar Hill Business Park:

A. Consider changing a Railroad Street Crossing

Vice President Bill Strock and Director Michael Lemmon reported on the recent Cedar Hill Business Park Association meeting that was held Wednesday, May 4, 2011. Bill Strock

reported that the association discussed three Railroad crossing repairs specifically the first crossing on High Meadows Way between lot 3 and 4.

After discussion of the Lone Star Railroad Contractors crossing repair bid of approximately \$25,000, the Association decided to defer approval of the bid and to report back to the Cedar Hill Economic Development Corporation Board inquiring whether that Board would agree to close off the affected rail line between Lots 3 and 4 by taking up the rails in the crossing and cementing over it.

After the EDC board's discussion, the consensus was that the Association's request would devalue the affected lots still owned by the EDC, also negatively impacting lots 10 and 11, and would necessitate involvement of the City which owns the street. The Board requested that Cedar Hill EDC Director Allison Thompson call the Cedar Hill Business Park Association President James Standard of Dualite, Inc. to discuss the EDC Board's position and report back to the EDC Board.

6. Citizens Forum:

There were no citizens present.

7. Executive Session

There were no information to discuss regarding projects; therefore the Board did not go into executive session.

8. Information Items:

A. Board Member Announcements & Updates:

Michaela Dollar reported on Chamber President Amanda Skinner's recuperation, Kenneth Govan updated the board on the recent discussions between Oncor and the City regarding the Cedar Hill Business Park Lighting.

B. Cedar Hill Business Park Property Owners Association (CHBPPOA) Report:

Bill Strock and Michael Lemmon report on recent CHBPPOA meeting

Directors Bill Strock and Michael Lemmon reported on the recent Cedar Hill Business Park Association meeting stating that Craig Johnson of PepWear was elected the new Treasurer with Christine Compton of MJB Wood Group, Inc. retiring. The association is contacting local banks and reviewing Business Investment and Savings Account fee schedules to determine what would be best for the Association.

C. City Council January 2011:

No report.

D. EDC Director's Report:

Director Thompson commented on:

- Spoke for The MetroTex Association of Realtors meeting in DeSoto. Attended Texas One State of the Industry Round Table in McKinney. Attended The Texas Economic Development Council Spring meeting with legislative update and the IAMC Spring Forum with service project in a local pueblo as well as the Leadership sponsorship, and other activities. Cedar Hill bandanas were handed out at the service project,
- Attended, with Bill Strock, The Dallas Morning News Commercial Real Estate Breakfast Forum; the EDC sponsored the event. ,
- Worked the Cedar Hill Rotary Head for the Hills event, which was a complete success and
- Announced the Best Southwest 25th Anniversary Gala set for June 16th at which the EDC is hosting a table. Michaela is working on logo revisions and will present them to the board at the May Best Southwest Partnership board meeting.

E. Business Retention & Marketing Manager's Report:

Manager Dollar distributed a report to the Board and highlighted the following items:

- BREP visits with Avis Rent-a-Car, Primrose, The Diner @ Cedar Hill, Reunion Title, Prosperity Bank, Crescent Point, Clark-Patton Insurance Group, SIG Insurance Services, Haydin Insurance Group and Sterling House
- Began working to implement a Cedar Hill Business Directory on the EDC website
- Attended a Census 2010 workshop at NTCOG

F. Executive Assistant Report:

Asst. Dyer obtained signature on meeting minutes, handed out mail and commented on the GIS Planning Site.

G. Next Board Meeting: June 13, 2011 – Administrative Conference Room

9. Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Strock, with a second by Michael Lemmon, and passed with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


 Jerry White, President

ATTEST:


 Jean Dyer, EDC Executive Assistant