



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SACHSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

April 15, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND COLLIN

The Board of Directors of the Sachse Economic Development Corporation convened virtually via ZOOM in a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2021, notice of the meeting having been posted as prescribed at the Sachse City Hall, 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, Sachse, Texas as required by Chapter 551, Local Texas Government Code. The role of duly constituted members of the Board of Directors was called, which members are as follows, to-wit:

Spencer Hauenstein, Tim Shivers, Marcia Harris-Daniel, Teddy Kinzer, Angela Keeton, Niloufer Watkins, Jeff Bickerstaff, Council Liaison, and Gina Nash, Executive Director.

President Hauenstein called the special meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

Ms. Harris-Daniel led the group in Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

Consent Agenda Items

1. Approve the minutes of the February 26, 2021 regular meeting.
2. Approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 special meeting.
3. Approve the minutes of the March 18, 2021 regular meeting.
4. Accept the monthly financial reports for the period ending January 31, 2021.
5. Accept the monthly financial reports for the period ending February 28, 2021.

Mr. Shivers made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mrs. Watkins seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Regular Agenda Items

1. Discuss Back Yard on 5th and take any necessary action.

Mrs. Nash provided an update regarding Back Yard on 5th and items needing repairs which included power, lighting, seating, the playground, and general landscaping. The total cost of repairs to bring

everything back as it initially was set up is \$12,500. Mrs. Nash noted that the current construction is anticipated to be completed in the spring. However, the work on Alexander and Boone will not be complete until the fall. Staff recommended not reopening this spring to allow time for cleanup, but that the Parks and Recreation staff would continue to maintain. Mrs. Nash noted that if the board wanted to move forward with re-opening in the fall, that they use a third party since the City is not able to manage internally. Staff is seeking feedback on how to move forward.

Mrs. Harris-Daniel asked what other cities are doing with similar events in response to COVID, as well as expressed that a concern would be the loss of parking due to the current road construction. Mrs. Nash noted that more things are starting to open with modifications, but has no discomfort in pursuing unless there would be another rise in cases.

President Hauenstein asked if there is an on-going benefit to continue operating. Mrs. Nash stated that there is value in marketing the site and the community enjoys it.

Mrs. Watkins asked how much time would be needed to complete the repairs if they were to open in the fall, and if there was a specific budget tied to Back Yard on 5th. Mr. Whitworth stated that a month's notice would be sufficient to have the site ready. He also noted that the refrigerator is not working and was not included in the costs. Mrs. Watkins stated she would like to revisit the item in August.

Mr. Shivers asked what months they were open previously, and would like to try to open by September. It was noted that Back Yard on 5th was initially open from April to November.

Mr. Kinzer asked if there were any contingencies factored into the time frame of the road construction, if the funding was all administered through the EDC or other City departments, and thoughts on doing on a Friday where they would be competing with sports activities. Mrs. Nash stated she is confident the road will be done unless the City has a wet spring and, in the past, the funding came all from the EDC. However, she will use city resources to assist where feasible. She indicated the other consideration is whether the board would want to hire temporary staffing versus outsourcing to a third party.

The consensus of the board was to revisit the item in August and to include additional information regarding previous and available funding, as well as any costs to consider that would be associated with the event.

2. Discuss and consider future meetings related to continuing virtual meetings or beginning in-person meetings.

Mrs. Nash stated that the board can consider whether they would like to continue virtual or go back to in-person. The board may continue to stay virtual as long as the Governor continue to extend the declaration, which allows boards and commissions to stay within the guidelines of the Open Meetings Act.

The board discussed both options along with the current set up and cleaning protocols in the Council Chambers. The consensus of the board was to continue to stay virtual and revisit the item in June.

Executive Session

At 6:29 p.m., the Sachse EDC recessed into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

1. The Sachse Economic Development Corporation shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section §551.087: Economic Development Negotiations: Discussion of

Economic Development incentive for retail or commercial business projects seeking to locate within the City of Sachse.

2. The Sachse Economic Development Corporation shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section §551.072: Deliberation regarding Real Property: Discussion of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
3. The Sachse Economic Development shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section §551.087 Economic Development Deliberations: To deliberate the offer or other financial incentive to a business prospect generally located along the President George Bush Turnpike.

At 8:20 p.m., the Sachse EDC reconvened back into regular session.

No action was taken on any of the items.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by President Hauenstein at 8:21 p.m.



Spencer Hauenstein, President



Gina Nash, Executive Director