

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND

CITY OF RICHMOND

The Development Corporation of Richmond convened in a regular meeting open to the public and pursuant to notice thereof duly given in accordance with Section 51.96, Development Corporation Act, Vernon's Texas Codes, in Richmond City Hall Annex within said City on October 6, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Directors in attendance included the following:

President, Evalyn W. Moore -Absent	Vice President, Joe Bonham –Acting President
Treasurer, Carlos Garcia	Glen Gilmore - Absent
Secretary, Carl Drozd	Dave Scott – Absent
Jesse Torres	Rob Tobias, Executive Director

Vice President Joe Bonham opened the meeting at 4:31 and asked for any public comments. There was only one citizen signed up for comments,

- Mr. Francisco Pena 820 Collins Street, Richmond, Texas 77469

Mr. Pena stated that he owns three properties on Tenth Street and he would like the status of this project. Director Torres addressed the speaker as to public comment procedure as did City Manager Vela. Mr. Pena expressed his concerns and the desire to have those concerns addressed.

With no more public comments, the agenda item was closed.

Agenda item 3 was introduced by Vice President Bonham to review and approve the Minutes from September 1 and September 8, 2015 meetings. There was no discussion, the motion was made to approve by Director Drozd and seconded by Director Garcia. There were four “ayes” to approve.

Vice President Bonham asked for a review of the Financial Reports through September 30, 2015. There being no questions or comments regarding the financial reports, they were accepted and no action was required.

Agenda item 5 was introduced by Vice President Bonham which was a presentation from the Catalyst Restaurant Group regarding the redevelopment plans for 611 Jackson. Mr. Cody Frederick, President of the company gave an overview of the plans for the Restaurant Group to bring their home offices to Richmond. Three other companies are planning operations at this emerging facility, The Kombucha Company, Fort Bend Coffee Roasters and Blockhouse Coffee and Kitchen. The office for Catalyst will be the anchor with approximately 5 employees. They will be relocating from Sugar Land. Mr. Frederick plans on keeping the historic feel when decorating their offices both internally and on the exterior. Following a brief question and answer period with the board, the agenda item was closed.

Morton Street Music was introduced to discuss their plans and ideas for a music festival at Wessendorff Park. Mr. Robert Quarles the founder, gave a brief personal history and how Morton Street Music came to pass. Plans are for "Concert on The Creek" on Friday, October 30, 2015 at the Wessendorff Park. He hopes it will become an annual or semi-annual event. Other music venues are also under development.

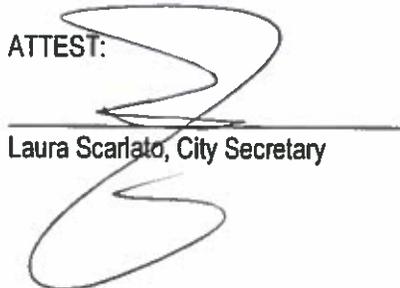
Next, Executive Director Rob Tobias gave his monthly report to the board. He noted the new Historical Marker at the Church of the Living God that was unveiled Sunday, October 4, 2015. The growth along I-69 with the new Wendy's and El Rancho Restaurant as well as other construction is apparent. Bagley Pecans has a new owner and he will be working with them to have a stronger presence. The Historic Richmond Association (HRA) will be hosting Miracle on Morton Street on Saturday, December 5th and the HRA team has worked very hard to make this a bigger event this year with increased sponsorships, the Wells Fargo Stagecoach, getting many more of the local churches involved with a central Nativity Scene, and more advertising. Mr. Tobias also noted that he will be out of the office for a TEDC (Texas Economic Development Council) and TDA (Texas Downtown Association) conference over the next month.

There being no further business to come before the Development Corporation of Richmond, the meeting was adjourned at 5:09. Director Torres made the motion and Director Drozd seconded.

APPROVED:


Joe Bonham, Vice President

ATTEST:


Laura Scarlato, City Secretary