

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §
TOWN OF LAGUNA VISTA §

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE LAGUNA VISTA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD.

DATE: March 1, 2021
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
Place: City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Romero, President
Kathy Bardisbanian, Vice-President
Terry Galloway, Member
Sid Ramos, Member
Janie Petty, Member
Leigh West, Member

Ed Meza, City Manager
Ana Hernandez, Corporate Secretary
Rendie Gonzales, Finance Director
Alan Ozuna, Corporation Attorney
Victor Worrell, Council Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cristin Howard, Member

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Call to Order** - Chris Romero called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** - Member Cristin Howard was absent.
3. **OPEN FORUM** - None
4. **NEW BUSINESS** – Discussion, consideration and potential action on any of the following items:

- a) **MINUTES** - Approval of the minutes for the January 4, 2021 Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation Meeting. (Secretary)

Member Terry Galloway made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation Meeting, Member Kathy Bardisbanian seconded the motion, all members voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- b) **FINANCIAL REPORTS** - Review of monthly financial reports. (Finance Director)

Rendie Gonzales stated cash in bank was \$185,182.29 and the liabilities and fund balance is \$198,521.45. There was receivables in the amount of \$6,083.27

- c) **LAGUNA VISTA FIRE DEPT** – Consideration and possible action to consider a project from the Laguna Vista Fire Department for public safety facility improvements at the Laguna Vista Fire Department for the construction of a prepared parking lot on North side of the Fire Hall.

Member Terry Galloway addressed the board stating that this is on the Fire Department's wish list and it is much needed. At the time they only have 2 prepared spaces and no prepared parking space in the back. The space they are looking at is the North Side of the Fire Hall. They have a site plan that includes 8 parking spaces. Gallery Home presented a bid of \$11,880 & G & T bid \$ 32,750. Ms. West added that there is also a safety issue to consider.

Member Terry Galloway made a motion to initiate the 60-day notification process to fund the construction of a prepared parking lot on the North Side of the Fire Hall, Member Janie Petty seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- d) **MESQUITE SCULPTURE** – Consideration and possible action to consider a project for funding the restoration of the mesquite sculptures in front of City Hall.

Mr. Meza addressed the Board that this project was given to him since he started and he has asked the community for donations through the Newsletter and thus far has raised \$750 so he is asking CDC for \$1800 to help with the difference. Member Leigh West added that it could be a great idea to add a button on the webpage to make donations. Member Sid Ramos that it would also be good to add a plaque with donors names and also the name of the artist. Member Leigh West added that maybe in the future they can consider a percent for art as other communities do. Maybe it can 1/2 percent of development fees or construction fees to go into a fund for art. This has made a big difference in other communities.

Member Kathy Bardisbanian made a motion to initiate the 60-day notification process to fund the restoration of the mesquite sculptures in front of City Hall, Member Leigh West seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The Board may convene in Executive closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, regarding any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to Section 551.071 – consultation with Corporation Attorney; and 551.087 – deliberation regarding economic development negotiations.

Board did not go into Executive Session

6. ADJOURNMENT

Member Terry Galloway made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m., Member Leigh West seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Attest:

Christopher Romero, President

Ana Hernandez, Corporation Secretary