

MINUTES OF WORKHOP MEETING
EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
October 29, 2015

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The Board of Directors of East Montgomery County Improvement District (the "District") met in Special Session, open to the public, on the 29th day of October, 2015, at 12:00 noon, at the East Montgomery County Improvement District Complex, 21575 U.S. Highway 59 North, EMCID Board Room, Room 103, New Caney, Texas, within the boundaries of the District, and the roll was called of the duly elected officers and members of the Board of Directors, to-wit:

Brenda Webb	Chairperson
Dale Martin	Vice Chair
Scott Hesson	Treasurer
Stephen Carlisle	Secretary
Katherine Persson	Asst. Secretary
Leonard Rogers	Director
Isidor Ybarra, Jr.	Director
Martin Zepeda	Director

with all of said persons being present, except Directors Hesson and Persson, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Mr. Frank McCrady, Ms. Tara Martin, Ms. Kelly Matlage, Mr. David Marks and several others from the community, as reflected on the attached sign-in sheet.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present.

As the first order of business, the Board considered the review of Community Development Grant Funding Requests. In connection therewith, Mr. McCrady advised that a total of fourteen (14) requests had been submitted for consideration. He noted that the Board would review the requests and provide an opportunity for each grant applicant to make a presentation to the Board, but action on the requests and the funding of the grants would occur at the December meeting.

The Board then deferred the request of the Splendora Area Softball Association until later in the meeting, as nobody was present to represent the Association.

Mr. McCrady then reviewed the request of Splendora ISD Elementary Robotics Program relative to funding \$4,665.09 of a total project cost of \$6,962.82 to purchase Lego EV3 kits and software to be used in education and competition. Ms. Kabli addressed the Board and showed video relative to said request. Mr. McCrady noted that the staff recommended funding the request.

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Mr. McCrady then reviewed the request of the New Caney ISD White Oak Middle School relative to funding \$2,381.77 of a total project cost of \$3,543.74 to purchase educational materials in Reading, Science, Social Studies, and Math, hands-on manipulative and functional skills material necessary to equip the Applied Skills classroom for the future. Ms. Cudd addressed the Board relative to said request. Mr. McCrady noted that the staff recommended funding the request.

Mr. McCrady then reviewed the request of the Splendora ISD Police Department relative to funding \$4,891.00 of a total project cost of \$7,300.00 to create and purchase handbooks and posters for Handbook for Success program. Chief Doenge addressed the Board and discussed the project. Mr. McCrady noted that the staff recommended funding the request.

Mr. McCrady then reviewed the request of the Roman Forest Special Events Committee relative to funding \$9,032.94 of a total project cost of \$13,482.00 to purchase an automatic firing system for staging and firing fireworks. Ms. Hantelman addressed the Board relative to said request and noted the firework displays are open to the entire community and that the equipment is available for use by other qualified groups in the community. Mr. McCrady noted that the staff recommended funding the request.

Mr. McCrady then reviewed the request of the Friends of RB Tullis Library ("Library") relative to funding \$6,000.00 of a total project cost of \$9,000.00 to purchase books, e-books, books on CD and video for the Library. Mr. McCrady noted that no one from the Library was in attendance to discuss said request. The Board deferred considering the request at this time.

The Board then deferred considering the request of the Boy Scouts of America – Cub Scout Pack 911 after noting that no one was in attendance to speak about the grant request.

Mr. McCrady next reviewed the request of the Woodbranch Police Department relative to funding \$17,222.35 of a total project cost of \$25,705.00 to purchase an In-Car-Camera System for three (3) vehicles. Chief Singleton addressed the Board relative to said request. Mr. McCrady noted that the staff recommended funding the request.

Mr. McCrady then reviewed the request of the VFW Piney Woods #4816 relative to funding \$39,362.50 of a total project cost of \$58,750.00 to repair and resurface the existing parking lot. Mr. Morgan addressed the Board relative to said request. Mr. McCrady noted that the staff recommended funding the request.

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Mr. McCrady next reviewed the request of the Roman Forest Police Department relative to funding \$680.05 of a total project cost of \$1,015.00 for the purchase of a Marijuana Simulation Kit to be added to the existing DWI and Distracted Driver Simulation kit previously funded by EMCID. Sgt. Jasonis addressed the Board and discussed the program. Mr. McCrady noted that the staff recommended funding the request.

Mr. McCrady then stated that the request of the Montgomery County Constable Precinct 4 had been withdrawn.

Mr. McCrady next reviewed the request of the New Caney ISD Education Foundation relative to funding \$50,000.00 to provide supplemental teacher grants. Mr. Mandel and Ms. Dyksta addressed the Board relative to said request. Mr. McCrady noted that the staff recommended funding \$25,000 of the \$50,000.00 request.

Mr. McCrady then reviewed the request of Splendor Project Graduation relative to funding \$2,000.00 of a total project cost of \$22,000.00 to be used toward the venue cost for project graduation. Ms. Muirhead addressed the Board relative to the request. Mr. McCrady noted that the District already contributes to Project Graduation and the expense is accounted for in the EMCID budget.

Mr. McCrady then reviewed the request of Motivation Education & Training, Inc. ("MET") relative to funding \$20,173.57 of a total project cost of \$30,109.81 to purchase computers and tablets for students and teachers at the Grangerland Head Start Center and the Grangerland Child Care Partnership Center. Ms. Gardner addressed the Board relative to said request. Mr. McCrady noted that the staff recommended declining the request based on undocumented benefits for children in East Montgomery County.

Mr. McCrady then reviewed the request of Splendor Youth Baseball Association relative to funding \$39,529.38 of a total project cost of \$59,893.00 to purchase playground equipment for the baseball themed playground at the Sports Complex. Mr. Paris addressed the Board relative to said request. Mr. McCrady noted that the staff recommended funding the request.

The Board next considered matters for possible placement on future agendas.

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There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned.

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Stephen Carlal
Secretary, Board of Directors