## MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING EAST MONTGOMERY COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT April 10, 2025

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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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, at 12:00 noon, at The Atrium Center, 21575 U.S. Highway 59 North, Room 105, New Caney, Texas, within the boundaries of the District, and the following officers and members of the Board of Directors were present:

Brenda Webb Chairperson
Stephen Carlisle Vice Chair
Katherine Persson Secretary

Leonard Rogers Assistant Secretary

Elizabeth Mullane Treasurer/Investment Officer

Ronald Willingham Assistant Treasurer

Crystal Moore Director Fred Wetz Director

and all of said persons were present, except Directors Persson, Mullane and Willingham, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Mr. Frank McCrady, Ms. Kelley Mattlage, Ms. Jennifer Green, Ms. Brandi Eckersley and others from the community, as shown on the attached sign in sheet.

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

Pastor Morris in prayer followed by the pledges of allegiance led by Director Moore.

As the first order of business, the Board considered the review of Community Development Grant Requests. Mr. McCrady advised that a total of fifteen (15) grant requests totaling \$67,000 had been submitted for consideration. He stated that the Board will review the requests and provide an opportunity for each grant applicant to make a five (5) minute presentation to the Board, that action on the requests will be taken at the May regular meeting and that the funding of the approved grants will occur at the June meeting.

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The Board then reviewed the request of Active Paws Rescue ("APR") relative to funding \$5,000.00 out of a total project cost of \$25,000.00 to provide spay/neuter services, vaccines, and microchips to the stray pet population. Ms. Chippi addressed the Board relative to said request. Mr. McCrady noted that TEC Form 1295 has been received and noted that APR is providing the remaining funds.

The Board next reviewed the request of Addi's Faith Foundation relative to funding \$5,000.00 to provide financial support to two (2) families that receive a childhood cancer diagnosis within the District boundaries. Ms. Gilbert addressed the Board relative to said request. Mr. McCrady noted that TEC Form 1295 has been received and that there are no matching funds as this is a mini grant request.

The Board next reviewed the request of the Catholic Daughter's of Americas relative to funding \$3,000.00 to provide undergarments to eleven (11) elementary schools in New Caney ISD. Ms. Theriot addressed the Board relative to said request. Mr. McCrady noted that TEC Form 1295 has been received and that there are no matching funds as this is a mini grant request.

The Board next reviewed the request of East Texas Dream Center ("East Texas") relative to funding \$5,000.00 of a total project cost of \$21,512.00 to enclose the existing basketball court. Mr. Mason addressed the Board relative to said request and noted that East Texas is providing the remaining funds. Mr. McCrady noted that TEC Form 1295 has been received.

Director Carlisle entered the meeting.

The Board next reviewed the request of the First United Methodist Church Splendora ("FUMCS") relative to funding \$5,000.00 of a total project cost of \$15,000.00 to purchase \$25.00 food vouchers for use at Archie's Food Mart in Splendora. Ms. Keith addressed the Board relative to said request. Mr. McCrady noted that TEC Form 1295 has been received and noted that FUMCS is providing the remaining funds.

The Board next reviewed the request of the Friends of the R.B. Tullis Library relative to funding \$5,000.00 to purchase new books, magazines, movies and other media. Ms. King addressed the Board relative to said request. Mr. McCrady noted that TEC Form 1295 has been received and that there are no matching funds as this is a mini grant request.

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The Board next reviewed the request of the Knights of Columbus #13166 relative to funding \$5,000.00 to pay the \$150 per student registration fee and charter a bus to send students to the Archdiocesan Youth Conference in Houston. Mr. Metoyer and Ms. Trejo addressed the Board relative to said request. Mr. McCrady noted that TEC Form 1295 has been received and that there are no matching funds as this is a mini grant request.

The Board next reviewed the request of Mosaics of Mercy dba Mosaics relative to funding \$5,000.00 to provide vouchers to those in the community who are facing difficulties accessing mental health services. Ms. Freels-Ryney addressed the Board relative to the request. Mr. McCrady noted that TEC Form 1295 has been received and that there are no matching funds as this is a mini grant request.

The Board next reviewed the request of New Caney New Horizons relative to funding \$4,000.00 to purchase a new dual axel utility trailer and new brakes for utilization in the donation van. Ms. Lindsey addressed the Board relative to the request. Mr. McCrady noted that TEC Form 1295 has been received and that there are no matching funds as this is a mini grant request.

The Board next reviewed the request of Peach Creek Baptist Church relative to funding \$5,000.00 to purchase food from the Montgomery County Food Bank to feed the community. Pastor Ray Morris addressed the Board relative to the request. Mr. McCrady noted that TEC Form 1295 has been received and that there are no matching funds as this is a mini grant request.

The Board next reviewed the request of Porter High School ("PHS") relative to funding \$5,000.00 out of a total project cost of \$16,000.00 to host a Senior sunset and to fund a fireworks show at graduation. Dr. Miller & Ms. Gonzalez addressed the Board relative to the request and noted that PHS is providing the remaining funds. Mr. McCrady noted that TEC Form 1295 is not required.

The Board next reviewed the request of Splendora Independent School District Adult GED Program ("SISD GED") relative to funding \$5,000.00 of a total project cost of \$20,600.00 to fund the SISD GED program. Mr. Harris addressed the Board relative to the request and noted that SISD GED is providing the remaining funds. Mr. McCrady noted that TEC Form 1295 is not required because Splendora Independent School District is a governmental entity.

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The Board next reviewed the request of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4816 ("Post 4816") relative to funding \$5,000.00 of a total project cost of \$5,400.00 to replace all outdoor duct work on the remaining 7.5-ton air conditioning unit to serve the meeting hall. Mr. Barber addressed the Board relative to the request and noted that Post 4816 is providing the remaining funds. Mr. McCrady noted that TEC Form 1295 has been received.

The Board next reviewed the request of the Splendora Wildcat Athletic Booster Club ("SWABC") relative to funding \$5,000.00 out of a total project cost of \$8,548.00 to purchase a soccer shelter and softball and baseball equipment. Ms. Johnson and Ms. Richmond addressed the Board relative to the request and noted that SWABC is providing the remaining funds. Mr. McCrady noted that TEC Form 1295 has been received.

Chair Webb next thanked the grant applicants. She stated that the District received a total of \$67,000 in new grant requests and noted that the District has \$37,056.42 remaining in its budget to fund the grant requests.

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

Leonard Rogers

Asst. Secretary, Board of Directors

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