

Minutes
Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation
Directors Board Meeting

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Regular session on Monday, **March 21, 2011** at 6:30 pm, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas. The following CCIDC Members were present:

President	-	Lori An Gobert
President Elect	-	Steve Woodall
Treasurer	-	Matt Sprague
Board Member	-	James Weishuhn
Board Member	-	Curtiss Schonenberg
Board Member	-	John Mau
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
City Secretary	-	Cathy Ezell

Absent: Secretary Elizabeth Flint

1) **Call to Order.**

President Gobert called the CCIDC meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

2) **Pledge and Invocation.**

President Gobert led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3) **Consent Agenda**

- a) **Approval of meeting minutes February, 2011.**
- b) **Approval of invoices.**
- c) **Approval of January 2011 financial statements.**

Mr. Schonenberg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Woodall seconded the motion.

Ayes: Sprague, Weishuhn, Gobert, Schonenberg, Mau, Woodall

The motion passed.

4) **Citizen Comments.**

There were no citizen comments.

5) **City Manager's Report.**

City Manager, Donald Warschak stated that the sales tax continues to exceed what was received last year. He stated that the sales tax received this year for March was \$25,278.38 and it was \$23,063.36 for the same time period last year. He stated that there is still continuous increase and that the running twelve month average is above budget. He then went over the comparisons of the sales tax received by the four largest cities and the cities in the county.

6) **Review, discussion, and take action as necessary on hiring a company to complete retail study.**

City Secretary, Cathy Ezell stated that she had received phone calls from two companies who would conduct a retail study. She stated that the study would include the company

evaluating what retail was in the City, the available property, what retail could be supported in the City, and recruitment of the vendors.

President Gobert asked how much this would cost. Cathy Ezell stated that she did not look into that. Mr. Woodall stated that he would like to see the package and get references. Mr. Schonenberg stated that the Board needed to get the costs first.

President Gobert asked Cathy Ezell to work on getting more information and pricing from each company.

Mr. Weishuhn stated that if a study is done there could be a better focal point on the grants in the community.

President Gobert asked Cathy Ezell to get two to three levels of pricing.

7) Review, discussion and take action as necessary to create a sub-committee to research the safety issues at the Little League Park.

Mr. Schonenberg stated that he felt that this was a City Council issue. He stated that the Board was concerned about the safety at the park and that he would like to ask City Council to put it on a future agenda.

President Gobert stated that this item was on the agenda so that the Board could recommend a representative to the sub-committee once created by City Council.

Mr. Schonenberg made a motion to name Matt Sprague as the CCIDC Board's representative to the sub-committee. Mr. Mau seconded the motion.

Ayes: Sprague, Weishuhn, Gobert, Schonenberg, Mau, Woodall

The motion passed.

8) Review, discussion and take action as necessary on the future acquisition of property adjacent to Highway 71.

Mr. Schonenberg stated that there had been no further communication with the property owners. Mr. Woodall stated that maybe this item needed to be postponed until the Kerry R. Gilbert and Associates study is received. President Gobert stated that this item could come off the agenda for future meetings.

9) Review, discussion and take action as necessary on CB Richard Ellis monthly report of marketing of Industrial Park.

President Gobert stated that in talking with the agent that an interested party had been busy with construction projects in other areas and were finally back in. They were hoping to do a walk through sometime this week. She asked who the delegates from the Board would be. Mr. Schonenberg stated that one company had specifically asked for him to be present. President Gobert stated that she, Mr. Schonenberg, and/or Mr. Weishuhn would be available to meet with the company. She stated that the agent has had a lot of interest but nothing specific.

10) Review, discussion and take action as necessary on the Kerry R. Gilbert and Associates project.

President Gobert stated that based on the contract that the project would be complete in ninety (90) days. She stated that Mr. Gilbert stated that he was the reason the project

was behind. She also stated that Mr. Gilbert wanted to meet with City Manager, Donald Warschak.

City Manager, Donald Warschak stated that he had spoken with a representative from the company and had scheduled a meeting for next week.

President Gobert stated that the project should hopefully be completed by next month.

Mr. Weishuhn asked if the company was meeting the terms of the contract as far as payment for services. President Gobert stated that they were.

11) Discuss items to be placed on future agendas.

There were no items.

12) Adjourn.

President Gobert adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

President: *Elect*

Steve Woodell _____

Attest
Secretary:

EB Flint _____