

**Minutes
Columbus Community and Industrial Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting**

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Regular session on Monday, **November 18, 2019**, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas. The following CCIDC Members were present:

President	-	Bruce Tesch
Vice President	-	Andy Nunmaker
Treasurer	-	Dwain Dungen
Secretary	-	Joel Usher
Board Member	-	Larry Solansky
Board Member	-	Chuck Hall
Board Member	-	Michael Ridlen
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assistant City Secretary	-	Dinah Jacobs

1. Call to Order.

President Bruce Tesch called the CCIDC meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were previously led by President Bruce Tesch at the annual meeting.

MOVE TO ITEM #7

7. Discussion and Review of the 2019-2020 Community Development Grants.

At the Tuesday, November 12th special called meeting, a Grant Review Committee was formed to help come up with a fund disbursement proposal with the ultimate decision being given to the Board. The committee consists of Andy Nunmaker, Chuck Hall, Bruce Tesch, and Donald Warschak.

a) City of Columbus

Dwain Dungen made a motion to approve the committee recommendation of granting \$11,250 for the City of Columbus corridor study project. Joel Usher seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Dungen, Ridlen, Hall, Usher, Solansky, and Tesch

The motion passed.

b) Chamber of Commerce

1. Magnolia Festival

The committee recommended funding \$5,000 for the Magnolia Festival. Tesch stated that the Chamber already receives a large amount of funding from the City of Columbus.

Larry Solansky made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to fund \$5,000 for the Magnolia Festival. Chuck Hall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Dungen, Ridlen, Hall, Usher, Solansky, and Tesch

The motion passed.

2. Courthouse Electrical Upgrade

Tesch stated the committee is proposing no funding for this project at this time. They would like to wait until the A&M study is complete so there are no changes to the plan. Dungen stated, proposal is to not deny, just delay possible funding; Tesch responded yes.

Billy Kahn stated he was on the A&M study committee, and there would not be any changes; and if there was no funding, it would push this project back another year. Hall asked about their plan and what would be changing. Kahn stated possibly the sidewalks on the Walnut street side of the courthouse, and the study is only making recommendations.

Joel Usher asked for a pause in this discussion and wanted to hear the Grant Review Committee recommendation for all of the grants before proceeding further with any votes.

Tesch gave the committee's proposals:

City of Columbus - \$11,250 (already voted and passed)

Chamber of Commerce – Magnolia Festival - \$5,000 (already voted and passed)

Chamber of Commerce – Electrical Upgrade - \$0 at this time

Commissioner's Court – Lighted Lawn Decorations - \$0

Youth Soccer Association – Storage Building - \$3,000

Garden Club – Trash off 2020 - \$1,500

Garden Club – City Beautification - \$3,500

Live Oak Art Center – Floor renovation - \$0 – Nunmaker stated a delay for funding at this time until more information is received due to only a temporary fix being presented with only one quote.

Kahn went back to speaking on how the current electrical situation is a fire and trip hazard at events and creates limitation on the square for vendors, movie nights, etc. He stated Rosenbaum Electric has a \$50,000 bid for 5 power hubs and 12 dedicated circuits. The hubs will be underground with covers to tap into. Kahn indicated Rosenbaum could do a 1/3 or 1/2 of the project closest to the transformer if not funded. But this project is not just for the Chamber and/or Magnolia Days, it is for the whole community.

Usher asked what the prior \$5,000 approval was for. Tesch responded, for the promotion and production of Magnolia Days Festival.

There was discussion on where the Chamber's \$7,500 portion of funding comes from. Kahn stated the funds will come from Chamber dues, fundraisers, and their general fund.

Tesch stated the Board had already voted and approved the \$5,000 grant funds for Magnolia Days.

Solansky asked if the receptacles would be sub surface; Kahn replied, yes.

Hall asked Kahn if he felt confident he'd get the LCRA grant next year for this project; Kahn replied no, they only said apply again.

Ridlen asked if there was a way to structure the grant funding dependent on if the LCRA grant came in; not wanting to do 1/2 and 1/2 a project because it is usually cheaper if all done at the same time.

Warschak stated LCRA has another cycle in January. Nunmaker asked what the timeline was for notification.

Kahn stated notification is approximately 8 weeks after the deadline.

Solansky questioned if the receptacles were weatherproof; Kahn replied yes.

Warschak questioned the placement of the modules; Kahn replied in the grassy areas of the courthouse lawn.

Andy Nunmaker made a motion to fund the \$5,000 request for the courthouse electrical upgrade. Joel Usher seconded the motion.

After further discussion, Tesch called for an individual vote. The vote was as follows:

Hall – for
Usher - for
Nunmaker – for
Ridlen – against
Dungen – for
Solansky – against

The vote was 4-2; motion passes.

c) Colorado County Commissioner's Court

The committee was proposing not to fund this project. There was no one present to speak on behalf of their application requesting \$2,153 for Christmas lights for the courthouse lawn at the prior meeting.

Joel Usher made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to not fund this project. Michael Ridlen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Dungen, Ridlen, Hall, Usher, Solansky, and Tesch

The motion passed.

d) Columbus Youth Soccer

The grant committee recommended funding \$3,000 for a storage building.

Michael Ridlen made a motion to accept the committee's proposal to fund \$3,000 for a storage building. Joel Usher seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Dungen, Ridlen, Hall, Usher, Solansky, and Tesch

The motion passed.

e) Columbus Garden Club

1. **Banners – Downtown Columbus**
2. **Midtown Park Garden Project**
3. **Trash Off Day 2020**
4. **Courthouse Square / Downtown Beautification**

Tesch reported that the Garden Club \$2,500 application for banners is not needed. That item has already been funded. The committee is recommending \$1,500 for Trash Off 2020 and \$3,500 for beautification around the city.

Usher asked if we have done this in the past; Tesch replied for the most part.

Motion was made by Joel Usher to accept the committee's recommendation to fund \$1,500 for Trash Off 2020 and \$3,500 for beautification of the City. Michael Ridlen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Dungen, Ridlen, Hall, Usher, Solansky, and Tesch

The motion passed.

f) Live Oak Art Center

Tesch reported the committee felt there was not enough information given at this time, it was a temporary fix (3-5 years), and only one quote was provided. The committee was proposing no funding at this time.

Motion was made by Joel Usher to accept the committee's recommendation to not fund this project at this time. Larry Solansky seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Dungen, Ridlen, Hall, Usher, Solansky, and Tesch

The motion passed.

MOVE TO ITEM 3

3. Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of Invoices.
- b) Approval of October 2019 Financial Statements.
- c) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2019.

Joel Usher made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dwain Dungen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Dungen, Ridlen, Hall, Usher, Solansky, and Tesch

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.

The individuals signed up for citizen's comments wished to speak during item seven on the agenda.

5. City Manager's Report: Sales Tax.

City Manager, Donald Warschak, gave the report on sales tax, stating sales tax was up compared to this time period last year. The sales tax portion for CCIDC was \$51,794 compared to \$49,328 last year. The cities of Eagle Lake and Weimar each saw an increase, while the county saw a decrease.

6. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the Great Southern Wood Tenant Application.

Tesch reported a Great Southern Wood Transaction Committee had been formed at the special called meeting on November 12th. The committee consists of Chuck Hall, Larry Solansky, and Bruce Tesch. The committee has not met but was formed so that any transactions that arise can be addressed.

8. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding any prospective companies interested in land at the Crossroads Business Park.

Tesch stated only Great Southern and the pipeline company mentioned at a prior meeting have shown interest in land at the park. The pipeline company had made contact indicating they were interested but there was nothing definite at this time.

Nunmaker inquired about Acornseekers. There had been no contact from them.

No action was required.

9. Executive Session: In accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 consultations with attorney, Subchapter D, Section 551.072 deliberation regarding real property and Section 551.087 deliberation regarding economic development.

This item was not needed.

10. Reconvene into Regular Session and Consideration and Action, if any, regarding Executive Session, deliberations regarding real property and economic development.

This item was not needed.

11. Discussion of items to be placed on future agendas and announcements.²

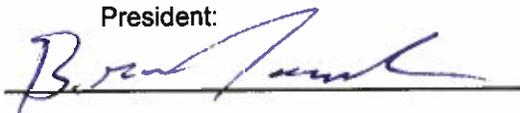
Tesch wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

Solansky asked about the truck signs out at the industrial park. Warschak stated they want the trucks to go to the front and not to the rear.

12. Adjournment.

With no further discussion or comments, Tesch adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

President:



Attest

Secretary:

