

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

The Columbus Community & Industrial Development Corporation met in Regular session on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 5:00 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	-	Larry Solansky (absent)
Board Member	-	Daniel Pore
Board Member	-	Chuck Hall (arrived at 5:05 pm)
Board Member	-	Michael Ridlen (arrived 5:18 pm)
City Manager	-	Donald Warschak
Assistant City Secretary	-	Dinah Jacobs

1. Call to Order.

President Bruce Tesch called the CCIDC meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were led by President Bruce Tesch.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of Invoices.
- b) Approval of December 2019 Financial Statements.
- c) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2019.
- d) Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report ending December 31, 2019.

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

Ayes: Nunmaker, Dungen, Pore, Tesch
Absent: Ridlen, Hall, Solansky

The motion passed.

4. Citizens' Presentations and Comments.

Citizens signed in to speak on respective agenda items.

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 \$51,823 compared to \$39,476 last year. The cities of Eagle Lake and the county each saw an increase, while the City of Weimar saw a decrease.

Let the record reflect that Chuck Hall joined the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

6. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the Boys & Girls Club Community Development Grant Application.

Mariette Bellamy and Morgan Barton spoke on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club grant application. There was question on what the funds could be spent on if granted any. Tesch stated that when an application is received, it is sent to our attorney for review and compliance. If compliant, funds could only be used on what the application states they are applying for. Andy Nunmaker questioned the number of children in the club and if the club had applied for funds from other entities. Bellamy responded they are continually completing grant applications, with Barton echoing she is always asking for funds where ever she can. Dungen questioned the

amount of funds remaining to be granted. Tesch replied, \$19,250. Nunmaker stated that obviously the full amount of the application could not be granted and asked Bellamy and Barton if they would seek the balance of funds needed elsewhere. Tesch stated that no funds would be disbursed until the project was completed. Dungen also pointed out that a new fiscal year grant cycle will begin again October 1. Chuck Hall questioned if the Club had planned for a cover from the beginning when the court foundation was poured. Barton replied, yes. Bellamy stated they are just having to do everything in phases.

Andy Nunmaker made a motion to grant \$15,000 to the Boys & Girls Club towards a cover for their basketball court. Chuck Hall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Dungen, Pore, Tesch, Hall
Absent: Ridlen and Solansky

The motion passed.

7. Discussion and Action, if necessary, regarding the Schobel's Business Improvement Grant Application.

Schobel's Restaurant is applying for a matching, up to \$7,500, business grant. Dungen stated this property is a known place in Columbus. It is an impression when you come into town and if they meet the criteria for funding, it is a good idea. They want to demo an old home, remove trees and shrubs, and create more parking.

Dwain Dungen made a motion to approve the Business Improvement Grant for 50% up to \$7,500 for Schobel's Restaurant for the creation of additional parking. Chuck Hall seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nunmaker, Dungen, Pore, Tesch, Hall
Absent: Ridlen and Solansky

The motion passed.

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

Warschak and Tesch have made contact with Great Southern. They are hoping to meet this week, now that the holidays are over. Communication has been ongoing.

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

Andy Nunmaker stated that he had an email from the new GM or President of Acornseekers. They would like to meet to give an update. Nunmaker stated he'd like to at least listen to what they have to say. It is the same entity, just different players. Tesch stated we could listen to see what they have to say.

10. 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.

11. 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.

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

Tesch thanked Daniel Pore for accepting the appointment to the Board after Joel Usher's departure. Larry Solansky has some health issues, so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Dungen suggested checking the By-Laws and the ability to grant Solansky a leave of absence for missed meetings. Solansky does want to continue to serve on the Board.

Tommy Brandl of the US Census spoke about the importance of the census and getting numbers up for funding purposes for the city, schools and tax purposes. They are soliciting help. They are paying \$18-\$20/hour, as well as .58/mile. He stated any help would be appreciated.

Let the record reflect that Michael Ridlen joined the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

13. Adjournment.

With no further discussion or comments, Tesch adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

President:

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Secretary:

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