**Van Alstyne Community Development Corporation**

**Minutes – Regular Board Meeting**

**228 East Marshall**

**Thursday, August 15, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

**A QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY OR MAY NOT BE PRESENT. NO ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.**

1. **Call to order - Recognition of guest(s)**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were board members Alesha Crowell, Wayne Womack, Chris Dorak, Collin Flynn, Robert Jaska and Robert Lewis and Executive Director Rodney Williams. Absent was Mark Rock. Guests present were Lane Jones, Brenda McDonald, Sherry Jeffcoat and David Griffin.**

1. **Discuss/Action: Approval of minutes from previous meeting: July 11, 2019**

**Wayne Womack made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Robert Jaska. The motion passed, 6-0.**

**3. Discuss/Action: Ranking of applications for VACDC board seats**

**The applicants for open board positions who were present - Brenda McDonald, Sherry Jeffcoat and David Griffin - introduced themselves to the Board. Board President Chris Dorak moved discussion of the applicants to executive session.**

**4. Discuss/Action: Amending Community Develop Grant to mirror the Façade Grant program with a $5,000 funding cap**

**Discussion was had regarding the amount of money spent on Community Develop Grants during the fiscal year and its impact on the budget. Collin Flynn made a motion to amend the Community Develop Grant to mirror the Façade Grant program with a $5,000 funding cap. Robert Lewis seconded the motion and it passed, 6-0.**

**5. Discuss/Action: Fiscal year 2019-20 operating budget**

**Chris Dorak presented the final proposed budget to the Board prior to presenting it to City Council for final approval. Robert Lewis made a motion to approve the FY 2019-20 budget to present to the City Council for final approval. Wayne Womack seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0, with Robert Jaska abstaining.**

**6. Discuss/Action: Grayson College Blacklands Prairie Meadow project**

**Chris Dorak discussed Grayson College’s Blacklands Prairie Meadow project as one of only two in the North Texas area alongside Austin College. The college is seeking funding from various government sources to turn the nature space into a discovery trail-type feature though plans are not finalized at this point. Dorak pointed out that it was only a discussion item at this point and that the college may approach CDC in the future to discuss funding.**

**7. Discuss/Action: Approval of treasurer’s report**

**Alesha Crowell made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. Robert Jaska seconded the motion and it passed, 6-0.**

**8. Discuss/Action: Director’s report**

**Rodney Williams presented his director’s report detailing the approval of the CDC’s logo trademark application to the State of Texas, website and social media numbers and dealings with potential new businesses.**

**9. Recess into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code for deliberation regarding:**

1. **Section 551.074 – to deliberate or discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee;**
2. **Section 551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations. This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting: (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1).**
3. **Reconvene into open session**

**10. Discuss/Action: Take any action as a result of closed session**

**Wayne Womack made a motion to authorize Rodney Williams to consult with attorney Ryan Pittman to craft a performance agreement for potential use in conjunction with Project Green. Robert Lewis seconded the motion and it passed, 6-0.**

**11. Closing comments**

**There were no closing comments.**

**12. Adjourn**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by Rodney Williams**