

Van Alstyne Community Development Corporation
Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
228 East Marshall

Thursday, February 9, 2012, 6:30 P.M.

1. **Call to order-Recognition of Guests:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Paul Westmoreland @ 6:37 p.m.
 - Present: Dr. Paul Westmoreland, Billy Plake, Judy Womack, Kanita Larkins, Amelia Giles, and Nancy Webb, Betty Samuels
 - Absent: Jon Bormann
 - Guests: None
2. **Minutes from previous meeting:** Minutes from January 12, 2011 were reviewed by members. Nancy Webb made a motion to accept the Minutes, Billy Plake 2nd the Motion. Motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2012 was erroneous. Corrections will be made and Treasurer's Report will be presented for review at the next board meeting.
4. **Nomination to City Council for replacement of Kanita Larkins:** Whistle Stop Café owner, Don Depree, picked up an application for the vacant board seat. However, the application has not been forwarded to this office. This matter will be tabled until the next board meeting. Nancy Webb will contact Mr. Depree to determine if he is in fact interested in serving on the board. Kanita Larkins will check with the City to determine if Mr. Depree dropped off his application there. She will also find out if other applications have been submitted to the City.
5. **Visit Historic Downtown Van Alstyne Sign update:** Betty Samuels is waiting on the application to be sent from TXDOT as well as other information regarding regulations of the sign. Amelia Giles requested that when the information is received that we request the statute or law that is being referenced.
6. **City Calendar:** As we are funded by the City, it is in the best interest of VACDC that we not include religious organizations such as churches in our City-wide calendar. Additionally, we could not publish one religion's events and deny another religion of that privilege. As concerns school events, only occasions like homecoming, graduation,

Spring Break, Christmas break or the Fall Festival will be placed on the calendar; however, a link will be provided to their website regarding all other school events or games. The office staff of Van Alstyne Community Development will be responsible for updating the website to include the calendar. Laura Dapkus will provide training for the website.

7. **Map of Historic Markers:** Cheryl Snyder and Amelia Giles have drafted a map.
8. **Website Progress:** The VACDC website is up and running. The website address is www.VanAlstyneCDC.com
9. **Digital Sign out by Highway and/or cost of Billboards:** This matter will be tabled until such time as the board has accomplished the task of getting the Historic Downtown Van Alstyne sign.
10. **Possible project – Community Center Restoration:** The Van Alstyne Community Center is in need of repair. In particular, it appears there are leaks as indicated by stains on the ceiling tiles. Van Alstyne Fire Chief Frank Baker is looking into applying for a grant. It is possible that Oncor will provide matching funds up to \$50,000. He currently has funds around \$15,000 for the roof.
11. **Adjourn:** Billy Plake made the motion to adjourn, Nancy Webb 2nd, Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully taken by Board Secretary Kanita Larkins.

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