**Van Alstyne Community Development Corporation**

**Minutes – Regular Board Meeting**

**228 E. Marshall St.**

**Thursday, August 11, 2022 6:00 P.M.**

**A QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL MAY OR MAY NOT BE PRESENT. NO VOTES OR OTHER ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING. VISITORS WISHING TO SPEAK MUST BE RECOGNIZED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD AND LIMIT COMMENTS TO 2 MINUTES.**

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

**The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.**

**Present were board members David Sileven, Dee Greve, Mark Moss, Alesha Crowell and Brad Clough and Executive Director Rodney Williams.**

**Absent were board members Robert Jaska and Sherry Jeffcoat.**

**Guest present was VA City Manager Lane Jones.**

1. **Invocation**

**David Sileven delivered the invocation.**

1. **Public comments on agenda items**

**There were no public comments.**

1. **Approval of minutes from previous special called meeting held on July 18, 2022.**

**Brad Clough made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dee Greeve seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, 5-0.**

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

**Rodney Williams delivered the treasurer’s report. Brad Clough made a motion to approve the report as presented with a second from Dee Greeve. The motion passed, 5-0.**

1. **Discuss/Action: Community Grant request from the City of Van Alstyne for shade structure cover at Central Social District park.**

**Lane Jones discussed the Central Social District park playground, how well it has been received and the need for shade. Jones stated it has been the most utilized playground in the city. Alesha Crowell stated that the equipment gets very hot and she is concerned children could get hurt if it gets too hot. Dee Greve inquired as to why shade was not added originally and Jones stated that it should have been.**

1. **Discuss/Action: Review all grant processes and subsequent funding limits and requirements**

**Rodney Williams told the Board that he would like to streamline the grant process based on feedback from business owners. Williams stated that he felt requiring three estimates places too much of a burden on business owners and was causing some to forego applying. He recommended changing the requirement minimum to two estimates.**

**Williams also added a separate form for city grants (the City Development Grant application form) that would only be used for city projects. The form is one-page as the requirements in the currently-utilized Community Development Grant are largely inappropriate for city usage. Williams also recommended not placing a pricing cap on this grant as it could prohibit the CDC’s ability to do larger projects within and for the city.**

**Brad Clough expressed his opinion that Williams should be given authority to approve grants without having to take them to the Board if they meet all requirements and then present a reporting to the Board of grants issued. Alesha Crowell stated that she was not sure how that should work. Williams was asked to come back to the board with recommendations.**

**Alesha Crowell made a motion to accept the City Development Grant form with no cap and the addition of a second signature line for the city manager. Brad Clough seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0.**

**Brad Clough made a motion to reduce estimate requirements from three to two on all grant applications. Alesha Crowell seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0.**

1. **Discuss/Action: Updating billboards along Hwy. 75**

**Rodney Williams told the Board that he would like to update the billboards along Highway 75 as Fall der All is approaching. After discussion, Williams will update the southern billboard for Fall der All.**

1. **Discuss/Action: City Council meeting update**

**Rodney Williams updated the Board on the prior Tuesday night’s city council meeting. He stated that both budgets were approved with no issues.**

**Williams also stated that he regretted to inform the Board that when the Council announced who was chosen for the CED boards Mark Moss was not among them. New applicant Dustin Langton had been chosen instead. Williams stated that Mark has been a very valued member of the Board and he would personally be sad to see him leave. David Sileven echoed those sentiments. Moss said he has been serving on the Board for awhile and was proud at how far it had come in those years.**

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

**Rodney Williams gave his update of activities over the prior month.**

1. **Recess into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code regarding:**
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.**
3. **Reconvene into open session**
4. **Discuss/Action: Take any action as a result of closed session**

**Alesha Crowell made a motion to approve a grant request in the amount of $27,269.98 as presented in accordance with section 501.103 of the Texas Local Govt. Code relating to site improvements for a Central Social District shade structure and installation from We Build Fun with maintenance being the responsibility of the City. Brad Clough seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0.**

1. **Closing comments**

**Mark Moss discussed the issue of Donna Kramer-Almon no longer running the Downtown Trick or Treat after the City took over the event. He stated that Kramer-Almon has done a lot for the city with her charitable work to very little fanfare and he would like to see either the city or the CDC do something to recognize that. Rodney Williams said he would come up with some ideas on how to do so and come back with those.**

**14 . Adjourn**

**Brad Clough made a motion to adjourn with a second from Mark Moss. The motion passed, 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by Rodney Williams.**