



AUSTIN ROSEWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Monday, September 30, 2019, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Deloris Duffie Recreation Center

1182 North Pleasant Valley

Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Serving as the staff liaison, Kimberly McNeeley, Director of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department called the meeting to order at 11:31 am with a quorum of 7 out of 9 members present.

Board Members in Attendance

A.J. Bingham, James Burns, Ghislaine Jean, Frances Jordan, Nelson Linder, Courtney Robinson and Deborah Taylor-King

Board Members Absent:

Barry Franklin, Quincy Dunlap

City of Austin Board Liaison Staff in Attendance:

Christopher Shorter, Kimberly McNeeley, Mary Marrero, and Debbie Jeffers

Other Attendees:

Vanessa Silas, SMG Representative and Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex (MYEC) General Manager

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Ms. Silas introduced herself to the Board as the MYEC General Manager and reinforced the board's responsibility as the governing body associated with the MYEC.

C. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL APPOINTEES

Each Board Member individually provided a brief introduction of themselves to the rest of the board in the following order Nelson Linder, James Burns, Frances Jordan, Courtney Robinson, Ghislaine Jean, Deborah Taylor-King, and A.J. Bingham. Absent Board Members Barry Franklin and Quincy Dunlap were acknowledged as members of the board.

D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Election of Officers was temporarily suspended to allow Mr. Nelson Linder to provide a summary overview of the history and establishment of the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation as outlined in Item H of the posted agenda. When the election of officer item was resumed, it proceeded as follows:

A motion was made by Board Member Bingham and seconded by Board Member Burns to appoint Nelson Linder as President. Discussion occurred regarding the difference between Board Chair and Board President and referenced the existing by-laws. Staff Liaison McNeeley called the vote. Motion passed 6-0-1 with Board Member Jean abstaining.

Board Member Linder, President assumed responsibility for conducting the remainder of the meeting.

A motion was made by Board Member Jordan and seconded by Board Member Taylor King to appoint Francis Jordan as Treasurer. Motion Passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Board Member Taylor King and seconded by Board Member Jean to recommend to City Council the appointment of Board Member Dr. Courtney Robinson as Board Chair. Motion passed 7-0. City liaison staff McNeeley reported she would expedite the Request for Council Action to recommend the appointment of Dr. Courtney Robinson as Board Chair. McNeeley pledged to try for the last meeting in October.

A suggestion was made by Board Member Bingham to consider the same individual for both Board Vice-President and Board Vice-Chair. After brief discussion a motion was made by Board Member Taylor King and seconded by Board Member Jordan to appoint Board Member A.J. Bingham as Vice-President and Vice-Chair. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Board Member Taylor-King and seconded by Board Member Bingham to appoint Board Member Ghislaine Jean as Secretary. Motion Passed 7-0.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible action for approval of minutes from Special Called meeting.

F. ELECTION OF BOARD POSITIONS

Discussion and action to elect board member positions Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer.

G. BRIEFING, DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AUSTIN ROSEWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Presentation by: Ms. Mary Marrero

Mary Marrero, City of Austin Attorney, explained items within the Articles of Incorporation that were required to be amended in order to be consistent with state statute. Ms. Marrero also provided process information. The Board elected to table the item and post on the next agenda for additional discussion and possible action.

H. BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND HISTORY OF THE AUSTIN ROSEWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Presentation by: Mr. Nelson Linder

Mr. Linder provided a summary overview of the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation. Following the tragic 1992 murder of 16 year old Tamika Ross, who was hanging out with friends in a church parking lot, the eastside community came together in solidarity with Austin City Council to embrace the need for a safe place for kids to go. The Promise Keepers made a pledge to support and maintain a complex where youth could be safe, have fun and be healthy. This promise became the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex (MYEC). The facility mission was established and agreed upon by the community and the City Council and the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation was established to govern the facility operations. The City made a commitment to honor the mission. The MYEC is currently operated by SMG and Ms. Vanessa Silas is the General Manager.

The funding and budget items from the City has been challenging in absence of an agreement between the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation and the City of Austin. This agreement needs to be address moving forward. Council and the City need to honor the commitment in 2019 and address the agreement challenge. Hopeful we are headed in the right direction.

City of Austin Staff provided clarification regarding the two (2) agreements associated with the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation. One agreement is between the City of Austin and the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation that allows for transfer of city funding to the

Corporation to allow the Corporation to operate and improve the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex. The first agreement expired in 2016 and to date the City and the Corporation have been challenged to draft an agreement both parties are prepared to execute.

The second agreement is between the Corporation and the SMG- a management company for the operation of the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex. This agreement has been executed and remains in current.

I. BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE DISCUSSION REGARDING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AUSTIN ROSEWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ARCDC

Presentation by: Ms. Mary Marrero

Ms. Marrero provided a status update regarding the agreement and pledged to have a draft for review by October 7, 2019. City liaison staff suggested this draft could be distributed to Board Members and reviewed via small working groups prior to the next meeting.

J. DISCUSS AND ACTION ASSOCIATED WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

Board Member Robinson suggested monthly meetings. Discussion occurred regarding possible regular days and it was determined a meeting would be coordinated for next month.

K. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Discussion and possible action associated with amendments to the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation By-Laws.
- Discussion and possible action associated with amendments to the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation Article of Incorporation.
- Discussion and possible action associated with the agreement between the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation and the City of Austin.
- Briefing and possible discussion regarding the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex to be presented by SMG Representative and General Manager Ms. Vanessa Silas.
- Request City liaison staff to invite Council Member Harper-Madison to the next (November) meeting to brief the Board.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Bingham motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Robinson seconded. President Linder adjourned the meeting at 1:19 pm

Date _____

Board Member Ghislaine Jean, Secretary Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation
