

Development Corporation of Mercedes, Inc.
Regular Called Meeting
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:30AM
320 S. Ohio

Board Members Present:

Joe Flores - Vice President
Jaime Gonzales – Secretary
Antonio Anzaldua III –Member
Roel Villanueva- Member

Board Members Absent:

Fred Gonzalez – President
Rogelio Ortega, Member
Tony Garza – Treasurer

EDC Staff Present:

Melissa Ramirez – Interim Executive Director
Rose Saenz – Administrative Assistant

City Staff Present:

Juan Molina – City/ DCM Attorney
Sergio Zavala- Interim City Manager
Chris de Leon Hernandez – Commissioner
Leo Villarreal – Commissioner

Others Present:

Roberto Carrillo- Salinas, Allen & Schmitt, LLP

1. Call Meeting to order

Joe Flores called the meeting to order at 11:33AM.

2. Discussion and Action: Minutes for February 21, 2018

Jaime Gonzales motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Antonio Anzaldua III.
All voted aye.

3. Discussion and Action: Financial Reports for February 2018 and March 2018

Roel Villanueva motioned to approve the financials as presented. Seconded by Antonio Anzaldua III.
All voted aye.

4. Discussion and Action: Interim Executive Director's Report

- A. Mercedes Light Industrial Park**
- B. Estero Llano Grande State Park**
- C. Make Mercedes Beautiful**

D. HEB Park Playground for the Handicap

E. Senior Day at RGVLS

F. Little Nashville

Melissa Ramirez presented the Interim Executive Director's Report.

5. Discussion and Action: Vida Sponsorship

Jaime Gonzales moved to approve the sponsorship. Seconded by Antonia Anzaldua III. All voted aye.

6. Discussion: Grant Program

No Action.

7. Executive Session: Section 551.087: Economic development negotiations with Project Hummingbird, Project M. De Los Santos, Project Logistics, Section 551.074 Personnel Issues- Executive Director position and Section 551.071 : delinquent DCM Notes, pending legal issues and on any regular agenda item requiring confidential, attorney-client advice necessitated by the deliberation or discussion of said item as needed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:45 AM.

The Board went into Open Session at 1:56PM

8. Discussion and Action: item #7

Jaime Gonzales motioned to approve loan to Project Hummingbird for \$35,000 for 5yrs with a 3.5 interest rate with conditions discussed in executive session. Seconded by Antonia Alzandua III.

Jaime Gonzales motioned to proceed as discussed in Executive Session to revisit Project De Los Santos until the Home Development Incentive Program is re evaluated. Seconded by Roel Villanueva. All voted aye.

Project Logistics, No Action.

Roel Villanueva motioned to hire Melissa Ramirez as the DCM Executive Director as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Antonio Anzaldua III. All voted aye.

Jaime Gonzales motioned to proceed with the Delinquent Notes as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Roel Villanueva. All voted aye.

9. Adjournment: 2:00 PM


Fred Gonzalez, President




Joe Flores, Jr., Vice President

Tony Garza, Treasurer


Jaime Gonzales, Secretary



Rogelio Ortega, Member



Roel Villanueva, Member



Antonio Anzaldua III, Member