

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 15th day of June 2011, the Amarillo Local Government Corporation Board of Directors met at 11:30 a.m. on the Third Floor, Room 306, City Hall, 509 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

Gary Pitner	President
Ron Boyd	Board Member
Brian Eades	City Commissioner and Board Member
Glen Parkey	Board Member
Jarrett Atkinson	City Manager and Ex-Officio Member
Melissa Daily	Executive Director of DAI and Ex-Officio Member
Dean Frigo	Assistant City Manager and Treasurer of the Board
Donna DeRight	City Secretary and Secretary of the Board
Marcus Norris	City Attorney

Absent were Richard Brown, Vice President, Jim Simms, City Commissioner and Board Member, and Les Simpson, Board Member. Also in attendance were David Wallace and Joe Esch, Wallace Bajjali Development Partners, Don Grinberg, Convention Center Consultant, and Barry Taylor, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini.

ITEM 1: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pitner.

ITEM 2: Mr. Pitner presented for approval the minutes of the special meeting and regular meeting held on May 31, 2011 and June 1, 2011, respectively. Motion was made by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Eades, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 3: Mr. Wallace and Mr. Esch presented an overview of the economic development tools and programs available at the federal, state and local level which may be considered as potential funding sources for downtown redevelopment projects. Mr. Esch stated that the federal programs that are available include historic tax credits, new market tax credits and EB5 financing. He advised that funding sources through state programs are an enterprise zone, neighborhood empowerment zone and state rebates and explained several local programs that could also be considered for the projects. It was stated that some of the programs require approval by an election and some do not. He commented that they will continue to review the potential programs and determine which may be most appropriate for the downtown projects.

ITEM 4: Mr. Grinberg advised that HVS, a convention and sports facilities consulting firm, and Dekker/Perich/Sabatini, an Amarillo architectural firm, will compile a master plan indicating what they found to be future needs of the Civic Center. The study will include recommendations about the renovations that could be done with the facility's existing footprint and possible expansions. He stated that Amarillo's economy is good and it is capable of supporting an expansion of the Civic Center facilities. It was stated that the Civic Center group has worked closely with Wallace Bajjali regarding the downtown redevelopment projects and have recognized the importance of a downtown convention center hotel. Mr. Grinberg stated that the master plan would be completed and presented in August.

ITEM 5: Mr. Pitner announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2011, at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall in Room 306.

ITEM 6: There were no public comments.

ITEM 7: The meeting was adjourned.

Gary Pitner, President

ATTEST:

Donna DeRight, City Secretary