

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 25th day of February 2015, the Amarillo Local Government Corporation Board of Directors met at 11:30 a.m. on the Third Floor, Room 306, City Hall, 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Richard F. Brown, President	Y	63	58
Glen Parkey, Vice President	Y	63	54
Ron Boyd, Board Member	N	63	54
Les Simpson, Board Member	N	63	49
Brian Eades, Councilmember & Board Member	Y	63	58
John Lutz, Board Member	Y	7	5
Lilia Escajeda, Councilmember & Board Member	Y	5	5
<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</b>			
Jarrett Atkinson, City Manager	Y	63	62
Melissa Dailey, Executive Director of DAI	Y	63	63
Mercy Murguia, Potter County Commissioner	Y	7	5

**Absent** were Ron Boyd and Les Simpson.

**Staff in Attendance:**

Marcus Norris, City Attorney, Michelle Bonner, Assistant City Manager, Finance, Bob Cowell, Assistant City Manager and Frances Hibbs, City Secretary.

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

ITEM 2: The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 11, 2015 were presented and unanimously approved 5:0.

ITEM 3: Mr. Atkinson introduced Jerry Danforth, Project Manager, on the parking garage. Mr. Danforth stated the group is taking a look at the traffic patterns on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue after major events in downtown to determine how to most efficiently design the garage, hotel and the foot traffic entering and leaving the parking garage, while being very cognizant to the budget and keeping the schedule on-time. Mr. Jenkins, Lavin Associates, stated they are working with a parking consultant and Jerry Bird, Traffic Engineer, on how to quickly empty the parking garage on event nights. It may be possible to move four lanes out of the garage at one time during event nights. If so, it would take approximately 20-30 minutes to clear 750 vehicles from the parking garage. The parking garage is currently four stories with 760 parking spaces. Some of those spaces may be lost for utility rooms, storage, and blockade offices. There are approximately 15 retail lease spaces possible.

Ms. Escajeda inquired if they were making accommodations for larger vehicles. Mr. Jenkins stated they were. Alan Abraham stated he was glad they were not considering floors higher than four. Dr. Eades added that extra evening parking that could be available in the Xcel parking garage. Mr. Atkinson stated the original parking garage plans considered five floors.

ITEM 4: (called prior to Item 3) Merriman & Associates Architects Milton Anderson and Jennifer Picquet-Reyes attended by telephone conference. The Architects presented site plan concept images of the Convention Center Hotel. After presentation and discussion from the architects, Ms. Murguia inquired if there were any outdoor enhancements such as audio or music aesthetics to add to the ambiance. Alan Abraham asked if the design on the flat roofs would accommodate snow load. He also inquired how the aesthetics blended with the Globe News Center. Mr. Anderson stated they could not copy the Globe News Center, but thought they respectfully complemented the building. Mr. Lutz inquired about public workshops that were held on the project's design. Ms. Dailey replied that approximately 150 people met to talk about the design and many ideas were shared.

ITEM 5: Mr. Brown stated there would be short-term (18-24 months) parking issues during the construction phase. Ms. Dailey stated she was working with various groups discussing the construction timeframe, the need for additional parking and getting information out to their patrons. Downtown Amarillo, Inc. has on its webpage a parking diagram as it exists today. Ms. Dailey displayed way-finding concepts on parking lot signs, noting where you can park for free, public garage locations, directional signs, and transition signs to let patrons know where to go. Additionally, Ms. Dailey demonstrated parking information accessible through the Downtown Amarillo, Inc. website that will be updated and made available to patrons and visitors to the Civic Center area.

Mr. Atkinson spoke about the available parking at City Hall, on the Potter County District Court parking lot after hours, the Globe News Center, Central Library, and on the Liberty block. The southeast quadrant of the Depot property is fenced on three sides for construction storage, where pre-fab components will be stored and kept secured. At times 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and possible 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues will be closed because heavy construction equipment will need to be located there. Also, there would be alternating road closures for the Buchanan Street sewer and Streetscape projects.

ITEM 6: Mr. Brown stated that at this time the Board would invite comments from interested citizens on matters directly pertaining to policies, programs or activities of the Amarillo Local Government Corporation. There were no comments.

ITEM 7: Mr. Brown advised that the Board would not convene in Closed Session.

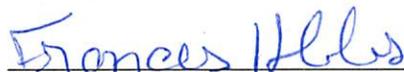
ITEM 8: Mr. Brown stated that the next Board meeting would be scheduled as needed.

ITEM 9: Mr. Brown announced the meeting was adjourned.



Richard F. Brown, President

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary