

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 15th day of April 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	66	61
Glen Parkey, Vice President	N	66	55
Ron Boyd, Board Member	Y	66	57
Les Simpson, Board Member	Y	66	52
Brian Eades, Councilmember & Board Member	Y	66	61
John Lutz, Board Member	Y	10	8
Lilia Escajeda, Councilmember & Board Member	N	8	6
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS			
Jarrett Atkinson, City Manager	Y	66	65
Melissa Dailey, Executive Director of DAI	Y	66	66
Mercy Murguia, Potter County Commissioner	Y	10	7

Absent were Glen Parkey and Lilia Escajeda.

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 April 1, 2015 were presented and unanimously approved 5:0 as amended.

ITEM 3: Mr. Atkinson stated Coca-Cola has requested a walk through on Thursday, April 23. They are currently running their deliveries out of the CenterPoint location. The contract states they have until June 1, so they are a full month ahead of schedule. The plan is to demolish the Coca-Cola buildings on the west block and leave the fencing so it can serve as a construction yard for the heavy equipment when the projects begin. The remaining buildings will be a heavier demolition due to the warehouse being made of cinderblocks.

Mr. Atkinson stated the parking update report is the same as the last meeting. The monthly coordination meetings continue and the groups will meet again in May. Patrons are being updated from the website and through signage. They will wait for a closer date to remove the existing Globe News Center parking lot.

Mr. Cowell stated the streetscape plans will be handed off to TxDot in June and TxDot will take approximately four months to review the plans. The project is not in TxDot's budget until their next fiscal year, so they will not begin before September. Ms. Murguia inquired if someone from Potter County has been involved. Mr. Cowell replied he would find out who the partners all were and report back. Mr. Cowell stated some of the property owners along the street were not aware of the project and adjustments to the streetscape plans are continually being made. Ms. Dailey announced the restaurant at 10th Avenue & Buchanan Street. She stated the owners have owned the lot since 2009, and have recently decided to build a new restaurant which will comply with the design standards. Mr. Brown inquired about the timeline. Ms. Dailey stated they planned to move quickly with construction beginning this summer and will include outdoor dining.

ITEM 4: The meeting started with this item. Chuck Patel stated the hotel project was going very well. He announced that financing was secured and he was working with investment groups on the equity. Once Hilton has approved the plans they will be presented to the LGC Board. Mr. Patel estimated a September groundbreaking and completion in early 2017. Mr. Atkinson explained the status of the overhead utilities, electrical lines, poles and the utilities in the alley which have been abandoned. Mr. Lutz thanked Mr. Patel for considering and allowing input in the design process.

ITEM 5: John Jenkins, Lavin Architects, presented updated schematics on the parking garage. Ms. Dailey expressed safety concerns on having public restrooms in the parking garage. Jerry Danforth stated the restrooms are incorporated in the plans but they can be managed. Mr. Lavin stated there are approximately 762 parking spaces and any type of screening on the first floor would have to be 90% open. Cleve Turner, explained the unique opportunity to create exterior patterns or rhythms up and down Buchanan Street and expressing individuality from block to block. He also stated the importance and viability of the street trees to allow them to thrive and perhaps using 4x8 iron grates or permeable pavers around the trees, dedicated bus stops along Buchanan, soil mix that would support the pavement and allow the tree roots to grow underneath the a minimum amount of pavement heaving. Mr. Turner stated he was looking for native trees to Texas such as Cedar Elms because they are resistant to most disease and there were no acorns to drop on the pedestrian walkway and perhaps using vines and trellis on the parking garage.

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. Robert Goodrich stated he continues to hold out for elevated pedestrian walkways. He stated if not built originally, he suggested the garage be designed for future development. Mr. Goodrich also stated the benches in front of Potter County Courthouse were positioned too close to the street. Dr. Eades reiterated the vision for seeing all the way down 6th Avenue. Mr. Simpson stated the idea was to get people walking on street. There were no further comments.

ITEM 7: Mr. Brown advised at 12:58 p.m. the Board would convene in Closed Session to discuss the potential purchase, sale, or lease of downtown property, together with (i) economic incentives that may be available for a prospective or existing business and (ii) attorney-client communication and advice regarding same, per Texas Government Code sections 551.071, .072 and .087, as they relate to proposed projects for downtown redevelopment.

Mr. Brown announced that the Closed Session was adjourned at 1:37 p.m. and no action would be taken in regard to the Closed Session.

Mr. Brown reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:37p.m.

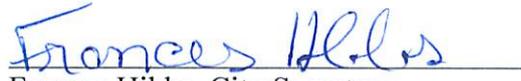
ITEM 8: Mr. Brown stated that the next Board meeting would be Thursday, April 30, 2015. Ms. Murguia indicated she would have a conflict on that day.

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



Richard F. Brown, President

ATTEST:



Frances Hibbs, City Secretary