

**MINUTES
OF THE
KEENE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019

PRESENT: Donnie Beeson, Cheryl Schram, Nick Chesney and Russ Ziegler

ABSENT: Ricky Stephens, Aaron Moses and Roy Robinson

CALLED TO ORDER: Called the Regular meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

1. President's announcements/public forum.

No announcement.

2. Treasurer's Report.

No report.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the JCEDC invoice.

Cheryl Schram made a motion to table Item 3. Seconded by Nick Chesney. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0-0

4. Discussion and update regarding the Splash Pad.

Derek Turner gave a handout showing grant programs through TPWD. The first option: Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant. The max grant is \$500,000 with the City matching the grant. The application is due October 1st. The second option: Small Community Recreation Grant. The max grant is \$75,000 but this is difficult to get if the city population exceeds 2,500. The application is due October 1st. The third option: Trails Grant with a max grant of \$200,000. This grant is geared towards trails. This application is due February 1st. Grants are competitive and awarded by point score. Parks Master Plan can add several points. To be competitive, several activities need to be included. Activity related items score higher. The Master Plan can be added to the cost of the application and can be submitted 60 days prior to the grant application deadline. The City must have their match in hand before the grant is awarded. This would include city manpower, construction materials, land dedication, and the county could participate as part of the match too.

Donnie Beeson clarified that the \$3,000 fee would not be part of the Master Park Plan.

Derek Turner stated that is correct.

Cheryl Schram asked if the Riva Keene park can be included.

Brian LaBorde stated no because it is private and not open to the public.

Derek Turner stated that without the master plan, the cost for design and application would be \$7,500 to \$10,000. With the master plan, the cost would be up to \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Russ Ziegler asked if it will be a single order or will it be split among projects/applications.

Derek Turner stated it would be a single order.

Brian LaBorde stated that this is an item that will need to be voted on in order to move forward. This item is listed for discussion only.

Donnie Beeson stated that he would like to move forward.

Brian LaBorde stated that he would get a special called meeting scheduled in order to act on this.

5. Approval of previous minutes.

Nick Chesney made a motion to approve the previous minutes. Seconded by Cheryl Schram. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0-0.

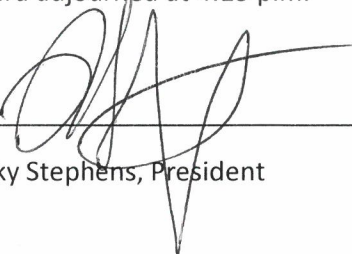
6. Consideration and approval of future agenda items.

Special called meeting to be scheduled and a new housing development with a potential for 105 lots single family homes. This also comes with a development agreement.


Brian LaBoarde introduced Landis Adams, the new Economic Development Director.

7. Adjournment.

Board adjourned at 4:13 p.m.



Ricky Stephens, President



Holly Owens, City Secretary, TRMC