MINUTES

MEETING OF THE
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017 - 12:00 P.M.
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - 301 W. RAILROAD ST., WESLACO, TEXAS
KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM

PRESIDING: MAYOR TONY MARTINEZ, PRESIDENT

Tony Martinez called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and verified that a quorum of the Board was present. The President then moved to item 2. - Consider Approval of April 26, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez made a motion to approve the April 26, 2017 Board Meeting minutes. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Martinez then moved to item 3.A. - Report from Legislative Delegation; however no reports were available at this time. He then moved to item 3.B. - Public Comment, and recognized Mr. Mike Seifert from Brownsville. Mr. Seifert voiced his support of the Equal Voice Network Resolution about Disaster Claim Appeals to FEMA that will be considered under item 3.E. on this agenda.

Upon conclusion of public comments the President moved to Item 3.C. – Recognition of Regional Police Academy 193rd BPOC (Basic Police Officer Course) Graduates. Executive Director Ron Garza informed the Board that this month the Regional Police Academy has graduated 39 cadets from the 193rd BPOC and he announced their names for the Board to hear. A job fair was being held at this facility for these recruits, in conjunction with this meeting to provide the recruits job opportunities.

The President next moved to item 3.D. – Consider Approval for LRGVDC Staff to Coordinate with Valley Cities Gas Coalition (VCGC) on upcoming Texas Gas Services Rate Filing. Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve of LRGVDC staff coordinating with the VCGC on the upcoming Texas Gas Services Rate Filing. Mr. Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Upon conclusion of action the President moved to item 3.E. – Discussion and Possible Action on Equal Voice Network Resolution RE: Disaster Claim Appeals to FEMA. Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the resolution; Mayor Pro-tem Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

The President then moved to item 3.F. - Executive Director Report and recognized Mr. Garza to address the following items:

1. **LRGVDC Updates & Activities**
   a. **Consider Approval of Resolution of Regional Support**
      Mr. Garza informed the Board that he incorporated suggestions made at the April meeting in the resolution, and the draft, with revisions noted in red, is presented for Board consideration. Mayor David Suarez made a motion to approve the Resolution of Regional Support as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.
b. **Road to Recycling Regional Tire Project Update**
Mr. Garza opened the LRGVDC website (lrgvdc.org) on the big screens and displayed the page for the Road to Recycling project and noted the details available to the public.

c. **Upcoming Events**
Mr. Garza informed the Board of the following events:
1. June 3: Santa Anna NWR Family Fun Day 2017
2. June 12-14: RGV to DC Trip
3. June 20: Municipal Capacity Building Workshop
5. June 22: Road to Recycling Press Conference
6. June 22 – 24: NALEO 34th Annual Conference in Dallas
7. June 24: Road to Recycling Project Launch
8. August 2: LRGVDC’s 50th Anniversary Celebration

Upon conclusion of Administration items, President Martinez moved to item 4. – Report from 9-1-1 Department. Mr. Raul Madero, Program Supervisor was recognized and stated that the department had no action items this month and that the current program status reports were available on the website for review.

President Martinez next moved to item 5. – Report from Area Agency on Aging and recognized Program Director Joe Gonzalez who addressed the following items under A. – Act upon Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council Recommendations:

1. **Consider Approval to Increase the Congregate Meal Rate**
   Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that the Advisory Council recommends increasing the current congregate meal rate from $5.37 to $5.86. This recommendation is the result of a four-year analysis submitted by Amigos Del Valle and a review of the statewide rates from all congregate meal providers. **The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the increase of the congregate meal rate as recommended by the Advisory Council. Mr. Ronald Mills seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

2. **Consider Approval to Authorize Staff to Issue Contractor (Vendor) Solicitation for New Contractors**
   Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Advisory Council recommends authorizing Area Agency on Aging staff to issue a solicitation for new contractors (vendors). The reason for this request is because some communities may have only one provider such as a pharmacy, and the current vendor enrollment is only half of what it was last year. **Mr. Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to authorize Area Agency on Aging staff to issue a solicitation for new contractors (vendors) as recommended by the Advisory Council. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that the 20th Annual Centenarian Recognition Celebration took place on May 4. This year there were 22 centenarians in attendance and the oldest was 103. This year’s celebration included a special Purple Heart presentation to Mr. Manuel Cantu who was injured during World War II.

President Martinez next moved to item 6. - Report from Economic Development Department and recognized Director Terrie Salinas. Ms. Salinas addressed item A.1. – Consider Request from Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District (PISBNBD) to be the Grant Administrator for their EDA Project. Ms. Salinas informed the Board that PISBNBD received an EDA Financial Assistance Award for $1,000,000, which was matched with $428,572. The grant will be utilized for a Port Rehabilitation Project. The Lower Rio Grande Valley Economic Development District received a request from the Port...
Director to help them administer this grant. As per the EDA program, Economic Development Districts are eligible to administer EDA grants and charge this cost to the grant project. **Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the request from PISBND for the LRGVEDD to be the grant administrator for their EDA project; Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of Economic Development items the President moved to item 7. – Report from Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO). HCMPO Assistant Director Linda De La Fuente was recognized and advised the Board of updates to the membership of their Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee. Ms. De La Fuente also informed the Board of upcoming meeting and workshop dates.

President Martinez next moved to item 8. - Report from Homeland Security and recognized Program Director Manuel Cruz. Regarding item A.1. – Consider Approval to Reallocate Uncommitted Funding from FY 2015 and FY 2016 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and FY 2016 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) Grants, Mr. Cruz informed the Board that as part of the reallocation process, the Homeland Security Grant Division provided a summary of the 2015 and 2016 funds allocated and awarded within this region and the amounts that have been de-obligated as of May 2. The information was provided to the LRGVDC so that staff would be aware of funds available for reallocation to other potential projects during the June 2017 designated reallocation window. The HSAC convened on May 10 and recommends the following projects and amounts:

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<td>FY 2016 SHSP/LETPA</td>
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<td>City of Palmview Law Enforcement Radio(s)</td>
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The HSGD will communicate the uncommitted amounts again on June 1 and at that time solicit reallocation plans from applicants for the uncommitted funds. The deadline for 2015 reallocated funds is December 31; the deadline for projects using 2016 reallocated funds is August 31, 2018. **Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the reallocation of uncommitted funding from FY 2015 and FY 2016 SHSP and FY 2016 LETPA grants as recommended by the Homeland Security Advisory Committee. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz noted that hurricane season officially begins June 1 and encouraged all present to prepare accordingly.

The President next moved to item 8.B. - Criminal Justice program status reports and noted that they were available in the online meeting packet for review.

The President next moved to item 9. - Regional Planning & Services and recognized Program Director Marcie Oviedo who noted that the regular program status reports for Water Resources and Solid Waste Management were available in the online packet for review. She then gave the presentation noted in item 9.B.1. – HUD Disaster Recovery Project Updates that detailed the deliverables of the program.

Upon conclusion of the presentation Ms. Oviedo addressed item 2. – Consider Approval RE: Allocation of Transferred funds from Non-Rental Program to Multi-Family Rental Program. She explained that

- Donna Housing Project - $1,043,300.00 will be allocated to Donna Housing Project for complete construction of eight new units.
- Willacy County White House Project - $1,144,141.85 will be allocated to Willacy White House
Project to complete construction of eleven new units.

Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the allocation of transferred funds from the Non-Rental Program to the Multi-Family Rental Program as presented. Mr. Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Martinez next moved to item 10. - Report from Regional Police Academy and recognized Assistant Director Randall Snyder who gave a brief summary of the status reports.

The President next moved to item 11. - Report from Valley Metro and recognized Director Ton Logan to address the following:

1. Consider Approval RE: Revisions to Maintenance Program
   Mr. Logan stated that the revisions to the Maintenance Program are minor in nature and are intended to reflect changes in staff contact information, staff titles, dates, and other non-critical language such as grammar corrections within the policy. Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the revisions to the Maintenance Program as presented. Commissioner Victor Leal seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider Approval RE: Drug & Alcohol Free Workplace Policy
   Mr. Logan stated that the revisions to the Drug & Alcohol Free Work Place Policy are minor and are intended to reflect changes in staff contact information, staff titles, dates and other non-critical language such as grammar corrections within the policy. Mayor Jim Darling made a motion to approve the revisions to the Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.

President Martinez next moved to item 12. - Old or New Business. There being no further business to come before the Board Mr. Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to adjourn. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Mayor Tony Martinez, President

ATTEST:

Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary