



**MINUTES OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
April 19, 2010**

The Community Development Corporation of the City of Forest Hill met on the above date at 7:09 p.m. with Mayor James Gosey presiding. The following Council Members, Citizen Members and officials were present: Mayor James Gosey, Council Member Lyndia Thomas, Citizen Members Sonja Coleman-Norwood, Ruby McEwing, and Carl Holmes, City Manager Sheyi Ipaye and Economic Development and Community Relations Director Venus Wehle.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Mustafa Sami and Council member Gerald Joubert.

Opening Agenda:

A. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mayor Gosey called the meeting to order.

B. Invocation

Invocation was delivered by Citizen Member Ruby McEwing.

C. Pledge Allegiance to Flags

Pledges to the United States and Texas flags were recited.

D. Introduction of new city manager: Sheyi I. Ipaye, CPM

Introduction was made by Mayor James Gosey. Mr. Ipaye stated that he was excited to be back in Forest Hill. He said he would use his skills to move the city forward.

E. Consent Agenda:

1. Consider minutes of the March 15, 2010 meeting.

Citizen member Carl Holmes made a motion to approve the March 15, 2010 regular meeting minutes. Council member Lyndia Thomas seconded the motion. Motion **passed** as follows:

Ayes: Citizen member Holmes, Council member Thomas, Citizen member McEwing, Citizen member Coleman-Norwood, Mayor Gosey
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Sami, Council member Joubert

F. Deliberation Agenda:

2. Discuss current fiscal year budget.

Venus Wehle, Economic Development and Community Relations Director presented the financial report for expenses and revenues for period ending March 31, 2010. Mr. Ipaye stated that the corporation cannot afford to spend what it does not have. He stated that he will take control of the budget.

No action taken.

3. Discuss and consider delegation for May, 2010 ICSC Conference to be held May 23-25, 2010.

Council member Lyndia Thomas led the discussion saying that she gave up the opportunity to attend last year to another member. She said she had called the EDC Director before the March meeting and asked to be added to the list of possible attendees. Citizen member Carl Holmes stated that he voted for the most senior members to attend. Mayor James Gosey said that if a member was up for election, they shouldn't go, but said that the corporation did away with that last year. Mr. Ipaye stated that Mayor Gosey could choose to attend as he does PR for the city in his role as mayor.

Council member Lyndia Thomas made the motion to reconsider her appointment to the ICSC delegation. Citizen member Ruby McEwing seconded the motion, which **passed** as follows:

Ayes: Council member Thomas, Citizen member McEwing, Citizen member Coleman-Norwood, Mayor Gosey
Nays: Citizen member Holmes
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Sami, Council member Joubert

4. Update on 90 acre site.

Economic Development and Community Relations Director Venus Wehle listed the developers, retailers, and real estate companies that have been contacted since January 1, 2010 in regards to locating on the 90 acre site located on Forest Hill Circle between Wichita Street and Forest Hill Drive.

No action taken.

5. Discuss and consider May meeting date.

Economic Development and Community Relations Director Venus Wehle reminded the Board that in previous years, they did not meet during the month of May in order to prepare for the ICSC conference. Mayor James Gosey suggested leaving the meeting as it is normally scheduled for the third Monday of the month.

No action taken.

G. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Community Development Corporation meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approval:

Venus Wehle
Director of Economic Development and
Community Relations

James Gosey
Mayor

