

**HARLINGEN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT BOARD  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING  
MAY 26, 2011**

A meeting of the Harlingen Community Improvement Board of Directors was held on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall, City Hall, 118 E. Tyler Street, Harlingen, Texas. Those in attendance were:

**Present:**

Jesse Robles – President  
Dean LaFever - Treasurer  
Joe Rubio  
Gina Cano-Monreal

**Absent:**

Daniel Araiza  
Paul J. Durant  
Rick Caballero

**Staff Present:**

Carlos Yerena, City Manager  
Gabriel Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager  
Roel Gutierrez, Director of Finance  
Armanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary

J. Robles called the meeting to order and stated the agenda had been posted accordingly.

**ITEM NO. 1 - CITIZENS COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**ITEM NO. 2 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 31, 2011 MEETING.**

Motion was made by Joe Rubio, Jr. to approve the March 31, 2011 minutes and seconded by Dean LaFever. Motion and it carried unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 3 – PRESENTATION ON THE FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT.**

Roel Gutierrez, Finance Director reported the April 30, 2011 cash assets to be \$1,362,720. Accounts receivable from sales tax are at \$114,785. Total assets are \$1,477,505 which is also the Fund Balance. Total Revenues that came in are at \$115,604 and year to date totals are at \$699,204. With the year to date Fund Balance to be at \$1,477,505.

Mr. Gutierrez continued with the handout on the Cash Flow Projection for year ending September 30, 2011. The cash balance as of April 30, 2011 is \$1,362,720. Additional cash expected at the end of the five (5) months remaining is \$515,215. After expected project expenditures are approved and paid out this year the expected cash balance by September 30, 2011 is \$378,173.

No action required.

**ITEM NO. 4 – PUBLIC HEARING BY THE HARLINGEN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1979, ARTICLE 5190.6, SECTION 4B(N) TO HEAR COMMENTS FOR OR AGAINST FUNDING THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:**

- A) **PROJECT 2011-02-WATER PARK AT LON C. HILL PARK**
- B) **PROJECT 2011-03-COMPLETE BASEBALL FIELD AT LON C. HILL PARK**
- C) **PROJECT 2011-04-BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OUTFIELD FENCING**
- D) **PROJECT 2011-05-RESURFACING ALL 6 VICTOR PARK TENNIS COURTS**
- E) **PROJECT 2011-06-K-MART FIELD FENCING AT PENDLETON**

Jesse Robles, Board President opened the public hearing for comments on Project 2011-02; Project 2011-03; Project 2011-04; Project 2011-05; Project 2011-06.

There being no comments Board President Robles closed the public hearing.

**ITEM NO. 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:**

A) <b><u>PROJECT 2011-02-WATER PARK AT LON C. HILL PARK</u></b>	<b><u>\$150,000</u></b>
B) <b><u>PROJECT 2011-03-COMPLETE BASEBALL FIELD AT LON C. HILL PARK</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,000</u></b>
C) <b><u>PROJECT 2011-04-BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OUTFIELD FENCING</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,000</u></b>
D) <b><u>PROJECT 2011-05-RESURFACING ALL 6 VICTOR PARK TENNIS COURTS</u></b>	<b><u>\$90,000</u></b>
E) <b><u>PROJECT 2011-06-K-MART FIELD FENCING AT PENDLETON</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,000</u></b>

Jesse Robles, Board President stated that Items B, C and E were Projects that needed to be completed and it would only be appropriate to approve the funding to meet the completion.

Dean LaFever, Board Member stated it was his understanding that the Harlingen Community Improvement Board's intention is to fund "quality of life" projects for the Community. All he hears being mentioned is funding of maintenance projects for the City. He is not in agreement and is voting against those maintenance projects.

Carlos Yerena, City Manager stated when the eligible projects were brought before the 4B Board they were approved and were considered "quality of life" issues.

Gabriel Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager explained that at the last 4B Board meeting there were two (2) motions. The first motion was to approve Project 2011-03; Project 2011-04; and Project 2011-06 as the highest priority projects. The second motion was to approve Project 2011-05-Resurfacing 6 Victor Park Tennis Courts. Staff was instructed to go to the Parks Advisory Board with Project 2011-02-Water Parks at Lon C. Hill Park. The Parks Advisory Board approved the project, so now it is being presented to the 4B Board in the form of a public hearing for approval.

Dean LaFever stated the K-Mart fencing Project is such a small project he feels it can be fixed by anyone or even a corporation. It doesn't necessarily have to be the Harlingen Community Improvement Board's responsibility to fix this project. His perspective on this project is to take or remove from the table and concentrate on the bigger capital projects.

Mr. Gonzalez stated last year there was a \$4 million budget deficit that the 4B Board had to overcome. At that time the Board didn't distinguish between capital improvements or maintenance items that were up for funding. According to the by-laws it states funds can be utilized for parks use and this project is a "park use".

Mr. Yerena stated the projects before your tonight are eligible for funding through the 4B Corporation.

Mr. Gonzalez pointed out to consider the overall budget of \$1.5 million and what the Board is funding on Projects 2011-03, Project 2011-04, and Project 2011-06 is only for \$35,000. He explained these Projects were approved at the last meeting. They are being presented to the 4B tonight for funding approval. As instructed by the majority of the 4B Board at the last meeting, a public hearing was to be conducted and then considered for funding approval.

Dean LaFever, Board Member stated as per his recollection, the discussion held at the last meeting was not to approve funding, but bring this projects back to the next meeting and approve.

Gabriel Gonzalez replied that is correct.

Mr. LaFever asked that the funding of the projects be considered individually.

Mr. Robles proceeding with each of the projects on an individual basis.

***Project 2011-02 – Water Parks at Lon C. Hill Park*** ***\$150,000***

Total funding requested is \$150,000. The total cost of this project is \$211,874.64.

Motion was made by Dean LaFever to approve the Water Park at an amount not to exceed \$236,000 at Lon C. Hill Park. Gina Cano-Monreal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

***Project 2011-03 – Complete Baseball Field at Lon C. Hill Park***                      ***\$ 15,000***

Motion was made by Joe Rubio, Jr. to approve the \$15,000 for the Baseball Field at Lon C. Hill Park. Gina Cano-Monreal seconded the motion.

Motion carried as follows: FOR: Rubio, Cano-Monreal    AGAINST: LaFever,  
(2-1 Vote)

***Project 2011-04 – Boys and Girls Club Outfield Fencing***                      ***\$ 5,000***

Motion was made by Joe Rubio, Jr. to approve the \$5,000 for the Outfield Fencing and seconded by Jesse Robles.

Motion carried as follows: FOR: Rubio, Robles, Cano-Monreal    AGAINST:  
LaFever, (3-1 Vote)

***Project 2011-05 – Resurface 6 Victor Park Tennis Courts***                      ***\$ 90,000***

Motion was made by Dean LaFever to approve the resurfacing of the Victor Park Tennis Courts and seconded by Joe Rubio, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

***Project 2011-06 – K-Mart field Fencing at Pendleton***                      ***\$ 15,000***

Motion was made by Joe Rubio, Jr. to approve the K-Mart Fencing at Pendleton and seconded by Jesse Robles.

Motion carried as follows: FOR: Rubio, Robles, Cano-Monreal    AGAINST:  
LaFever, (3-1 Vote)

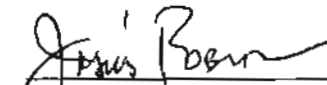
**ITEM NO. 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2010-2011 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Roel Gutierrez, Finance Director explained the gray highlighted items on the statement of revenues and expenditures are the budget amendments that need to be approved. He pointed out the correction on Project 2011-02 – Water Parks at Lon C. Hill to be approved at \$236,000.

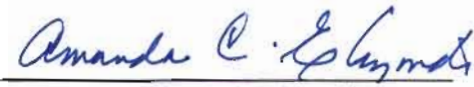
Motion was made by Dean LaFever to approve the budget amendments and seconded by Gina Cano-Monreal. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Jesse Robles, President

Attest:

  
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Amanda C. Elizondo, City Secretary