

**MINUTES OF THE RIVER OAKS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
APRIL 9, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

PRESIDENT JOANN GORDON, PLACE 5 (PRESIDENT)
LINDA MORGAN, PLACE 1
JOANN BUTLER, PLACE 2
STEVE HOLLAND, PLACE 4 (VICE PRESIDENT)
DON ISTOOK, PLACE 6
GREG HENDRICKSON, PLACE 7

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY

MEMBERS ABSENT:

HERMAN EARWOOD, PLACE 3 (PERSONAL)

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, President Gordon called the Special Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 2015 at River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES AND THE TEXAS FLAGS

**"HONOR THE TEXAS FLAG; I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THEE,
TEXAS, ONE STATE UNDER GOD, ONE AND INDIVISIBLE"**

Vice-President Holland gave the Invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to both the United States and Texas Flags.

3. MEMBER ROLL CALL

All Members were present with the exception of Mayor Earwood (Place 3) with an excused absence due to a personal conflict.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 2, 2015 REGULAR MEETING.

Member Gordon moved, seconded by Member Hendrickson, to approve the March 2, 2015 Minutes as submitted. All voted "Aye".

5. DAN KESSLER OF N.C.T.C.O.G. REPORTING ON THE HIGHWAY 183 CORRIDOR STUDY PROJECT (RIVER OAKS REVIVAL).

Dan Kessler of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (N.C.T.C.O.G.) was present to present the update on the Highway 183 corridor Study Project that is about ready to start. Mr. Kessler summarized the scope in that the project area consists of the River Oaks Boulevard (SH 183) corridor bounded by SH 199 at the northern end and the Trinity River to the south (approximately 1.9 miles). The intersection of SH 183 and SH 199 is not part of this scope of work and will be included in a future SH 199 Corridor Master Plan.

Mr. Kessler gave a project description that for the past several years, the City of River Oaks has participated in a sub-regional planning study referred to as Planning Livable Military Communities (PLMC). This effort consisted of a series of planning studies that identified

strategies related to transportation, housing, land use, and economic development to enhance livability in several communities surrounding the Naval Air Station Fort Worth, Joint Reserve Base. Through the PLMC effort, River Oaks Boulevard (SH 183) in the City of River Oaks was identified as a vital regional transportation facility that primarily serves as an access corridor for commercial development and nearby major employers. He spoke briefly about the Meandering Road project that is still under design and will include 3-lanes and will also encompass a bicycle trail in an effort to connect the trail system together. He reported it would be a joint effort with the JRB Base, Tarrant County and the cities of Fort Worth and River Oaks.

Mr. Kessler in returning back to the Highway 183 corridor study stated the study would take up to a year to complete and a best case scenario would be once completed there would be available funding to start the construction. The study would include stakeholder meetings that would be made up of local business owners. The concept would be to provide a plan that the community was interested in seeing developed. Public involvement would be essential in the planning phase. The City of River Oaks, NCTCOG, TxDOT, and Tarrant County will provide data as appropriate. The Consultant, **AECOM**, will add to the documented existing conditions from the PLMC effort and identify issues related to the SH 183 corridor. NCTCOG will take the lead in coordination with the City and consultant on community wide meetings to introduce the project, solicit broader community feedback, and to present the final outcomes.

The streetscape operation and design and drainage phase will be taking a look at the drainage system, all other infrastructure, use development and zoning. Roundabouts being a focus of discussion in the past would benefit traffic flow but there are concerns as to safety since roundabouts work best with low volume traffic and it is difficult to get bicycle traffic through. They may look at in the project, but the land use will dictate its feasibility. Highway 180 in Arlington started the same way as this project will. Mr. Kessler ended the presentation asking if there were any questions from the audience.

Steve Holland stated that this has been a long time in coming and city leadership has had on-going discussions about it in the past but funding was the problem in going forward. **CS Gregory** reported that the city is already working with NCTCOG staff in gathering data and creating a list of stakeholders. **President Gordon** related the Board's excitement with this project and with that thanked Dan Kessler for being here tonight and presenting the project update.

No Action was taken.

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 P.M. Member Hendrickson moved, seconded by Member Morgan, to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".

APPROVED:


JoAnn Gordon, President

ATTEST:


Marvin Gregory, City Secretary