

**LA FERIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2009**

Be it known that the Board of Directors of the La Feria Economic Development Corporation (LFEDC) met in special session on Tuesday, December 29, 2009, at 6:00 PM in the City Commission Meeting Room, 115 East Commercial Avenue, La Feria, Texas, 78559. The purpose of said meeting was to consider and take action on such Corporation business as was duly posted by agenda in accordance with State Open Meetings Law. The following Board Members were present at said meeting.

Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap	President
Ms. Mary Garcia	Vice-President
Mr. John Hernandez	Secretary/Treasurer
Ms. Toni Garcia	Director
Ms. Lori Weaver	Director
Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia	Director

Absent: Mr. Victor Gonzalez, Jr. Director

The following City Staff members were present at said meeting.

Mr. Sunny K. Philip	City Manager/Executive Director
Mr. Richard Talbert	LFEDC Attorney
Ms. Maria Chavero	Finance Director
Ms. Olga Oberwetter	City Secretary

Other persons present at this meeting were Linda Mae White and Gloria Casas.

At 6:00 P.M., La Feria Economic Development Corporation President Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap thanked everyone for coming and asked all present to rise and recite aloud the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. She then declared a quorum of the La Feria Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was present and called the meeting to order.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE/DENY GRANT LOAN AND REQUEST FROM SOUTH TEXAS COLLABORATIVE FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, INC. A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OPERATING FROM LA FERIA.**

City Manager/Executive Director Sunny K. Philip explained that staff had sent out a memo advising that two nonprofits were formed in the community, one for housing and one for economic development. Mr. Philip said neither of the non-profits have any money, and the request to the LFEDC is for a \$10,000 loan for a period of one year at 0% interest. He said the money is needed for start up costs. Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia moved to approve a loan request from South Texas Collaborative for Housing Development,

Inc., a nonprofit organization operating from La Feria. Ms. Toni Garcia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the LFEDC board members present.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE/DENY EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO PAVE THE PERIMETER ROAD OF THE WILDLIFE AND NATURE PARK**

City Manager/Executive Director Sunny K. Philip explained that the Nature Park was developed with funding from the LFEDC, Parks and Wildlife, and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, (TCEQ). The Utilities Board paid for part of the paving to the park, and this request is for paving the perimeter road on the north side of the park going east and west up to Willow Road at an estimated cost of \$101,000. This would allow another access to the park from FM 506 instead of only the one entry from Business Highway 83. This would direct the traffic through the downtown area keeping the downtown area businesses alive. Ms. Mary Garcia moved to approve the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$101,441.50 to pave the perimeter road as part of the Wildlife and Nature Park project which partial funding was approved by the board after duly publishing a public notice at the inception of the project. Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the LFEDC board members present.

**REVIEW AND CONFIRM THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 908 NORTH TICHENOR AVENUE AND AUTHORIZE THE REPAIR AND SALE OF THE PROPERTY**

City Manager/Executive Director Sunny K. Philip explained that the City had the opportunity to receive some funding for housing through a nonprofit from Brownsville. These funds could only be used to purchase foreclosed properties, and the USDA notified the City that the property at 908 North Tichenor Avenue was available for purchase. The LFEDC purchased the property for the amount of \$32,869.00 and there was no time for a meeting so this item was placed on this agenda so that the board would have an opportunity to confirm the purchase. The home needs repairs in order to sell it, so authorization for repairs and selling it is also needed. Ms. Lori Weaver moved to confirm the purchase of the property, authorize the repairs and authorize the City Manager/Executive Director to enter into contract and execute all documents for the sale of the property. Mr. John Hernandez seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the LFEDC board members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Board President Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap declared the public comment session open and acknowledged Ms. Linda Mae White. Ms. White recounted a conversation she had with Ernie Shofner, Parks Supervisor, concerning the weather and how he and his employees were working out in the cold rain. She hoped they wouldn't get sick. No one else signed up to comment before the Board, so Ms. Dunlap declared the public comment session closed.

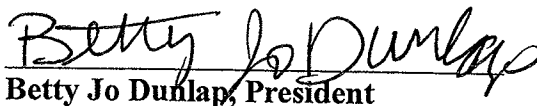
**ACTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. John Hernandez moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Angelica P. Baldivia seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the LFEDC board members present.

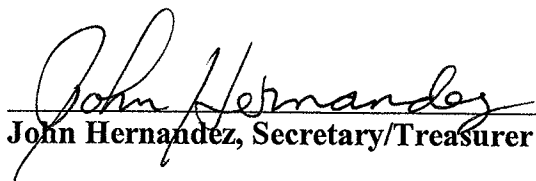
**ADJOURNMENT – PRESIDENT**

La Feria Economic Development Corporation President Ms. Betty Jo Dunlap adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

**APPROVED:**

  
Betty Jo Dunlap, President

**ATTEST:**

  
John Hernandez, Secretary/Treasurer

These minutes were prepared and filed with the City of La Feria as official record of the City of La Feria and the La Feria Economic Development Corporation at 6:45 P.M. on March 22, 2010 as official record.

  
Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

