

The Willis Community Development Corporation of the City of Willis, Texas convened in regular session at the city hall on the date and time aforesaid, with the following members present:

Tamar Young-Hector, President  
Sharon Luster, Board Member  
Yolanda Harris, Board Member  
Lorrinda Bishop, Board Member  
Mary Reed, Board Member  
Marissa Quintanilla, City Secretary  
J. Rice, CDC Director  
Rick Valdez, - Director of Finance  
Pat Riley, Director of Public Works  
James Nowak, Chief of Police

And the following members absent: none, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted to-wit:

1. Call to order the regular meeting.  
Tamara Young-Hector called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation  
I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee Texas; one state under God, one and indivisible.  
Ms. Young-Hector called roll, pledges were recited, and James Nowak gave the invocation.
3. CITIZENS INQUIRY
  - a. Present March Citizen of the Month. Name May Citizen of the Month
  - b. Public Comments
  - c. Keep Willis Beautiful Report  
Ms. Young-Hector presented Elizabeth McKenna with award for Citizen of the month, and board thanked her for her contribution to the City and its citizens. Mary Reed nominated Charles and Darlene Groce. Mr. and Mrs. Groce have owned and been in the same location for over forty years. Motion was made by Sonda Toliver to name Charles and Darlene Groce as May Citizen of the Month. Mary Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.  
No public comments were heard.  
No update was given on Keep Willis Beautiful.
4. CONSENT AGENDA
  - a. Consider the minutes of the previous regular and special meeting: January 29, 2019.
  - b. Approval of financial statements.  
Motion was made by Mary Reed to approve the consent agenda. Yolanda Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Discuss and take action on MLK Park Improvements preliminary engineering planning.  
The Board discussed the MLK Park improvements. Mr. Rice stated that the concept plan approved by the Board had been taken to Council, and Council had approved the plan. Mr. Rice stated that the number one priority is the splash pad, but wanted Board to look at everything except the splash pad. Mr. Rice stated that if everything was added, parking, sand volleyball, etc. the cost was 1.6 million. Mr. Rice stated that Mr. Riley had an insurance assessment done and some to the playground equipment would have to be replaced. Mr. Rice stated that phase 1 consisted of the splash pad, and keeping the existing parking, putting in sidewalks. If board left all the alternative items out the cost would be about \$603,000. If Board wanted to do the full amount which included the splash pad and the restrooms he recommended getting the

engineering done up until October of this year, get ready to go out for bids, and put the construction coston next year's budget. Mary Reed asked why the splash pad had been moved from the original location. Derek Wind stated that where the splash pad had been placed before there is an existing storm drainage pipe so the splash pad can not go there. The Board was worried about placing the splash pad to close to the pavilion. The Board felt that it had the possibility of getting wet and if some was playing there could cause and accident. Motion was made by Mary Reed to table item 5a so that the park committee could meet and discuss options of the splash pad placement. Sonda Toliver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discuss and take action on a fireworks display by Illumination Fireworks for July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Tamara Young-Hector stated that the fireworks show would be on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Young-Hector stated the cost had increased and the duration of the show had decreased. The Board discuss different options, and Ms. Young-Hector stated that she would try and find another company or solution. Motion was made by Mary Reed to table item 5b. Yolanda Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Discussion on 2019-2020 fiscal year budget.
- d. Discuss and take action on a budget workshop date. Board discussed items 5(c)(d) together. Mr. Rice stated that he and Mr. Valdez have done a draft budget is but most of the budget would be the splash pad. Mr. Rice recommended having a budget workshop on April 30, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the budget. Motion was made by Mary Reed to set budget workshop for April 30, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Yolanda Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## 6. REPORTS

Input from Board related to issues for possible inclusion on future agendas.  
No comments were received.

## 7. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Mary Reed to adjourn. Sonda Toliver seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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Marissa Quintanilla, City Secretary