

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Community Development Board convened in a regular meeting on **Thursday, February 29, 2024** in the City Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 1300 Houston, and McAllen, Texas at 5:30 P.M. with the following present:

	Erica Perez	Chairperson
	Alex Lamela	Vice-Chair
	Carolina Civarolo	Member
	Matthew Gabriel	Member
	Leonel Guerrero	Member
	Jose R. Gutierrez	Member
	Francisco Meza	Member
	Madeleine Aubrey Treu	Member
	Karen Valdez	Member
Absent:	Mirna Pearson	Secretary
	Alejandro Aguirre	Member
	Jose A. Califa	Member
	Gilbert L. Vasquez	Member
Staff:	Julia D. Lash	Director of Grant Administration
	Priscilla Avila	Asst. Director of Grant Administration
	Christina Garcia	Program Coordinator
	Natalie Manzanares	Housing Program Coordinator
	Priscilla Villarreal	Program Coordinator
	Crystal Montemayor	Administrative Assistant
	Jaime Ortiz	Compliance Officer
	Kobe Marquez	Grant Development Specialist
	Araceli Salas	Administrative Assistant
	Erica Martinez	Grant Coordinator
	Michelle Rivera	Assistant City Manager
	Austin Stevenson	Deputy City Attorney

Call to Order

Chairperson Erica Perez called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

1) Invocation

Chair Perez delivered the invocation.

2) Presentation of General Fund Application

The following agencies presented their applications:

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| 1. Comfort House Services, Inc. | 6. Museum of South Texas |
| 2. Amigos Del Valle | 7. McAllen Town Band |
| 3. Women Together Foundation | 8. Valley Symphony Orchestra |
| 4. IMAS | 9. RGV Literacy |
| 5. McAllen Heritage Center-Not Here | 10. Boys and Girls Club |

3) Adjournment of PALM Business

Alex Lamela moved to close PALM Business. Leonel Guerrero seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections; PALM Business adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

4) Presentation of CDBG Construction Projects

The following agencies presented their applications:

1. Affordable Homes of South Texas
2. McAllen Public Utility
3. McAllen ISD
4. McAllen Fire Department
5. Women Together

Ms. Lash advised the committee that Parks and Recreation Department would present on March 14 meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lamela moved to approve minutes for January 25, 2024. Mr. Guerrero seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the minutes with no abstentions and no objections; motion passed.

6. Discussion and Possible Action of Election of Officers

Mr. Lamela moved to keep Ms. Perez as Chairperson; Jose Gutierrez seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

Mr. Guerrero moved to keep Mr. Lamela as Vice-Chair; Mr. Gutierrez seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion; motion passed.

Karen Valdez moved to keep Mirna Pearson as Secretary. Carolina Civarolo seconded motion. All voted in favor, no abstentions and no objections.

7. Discussion of Community Development Business

Ms. Lash informed the committee that HUD approved the CDBG Timeliness and the City will keep the funding for the 2023 Program Year. A workout plan will be provided to HUD to show how funds will be spent.

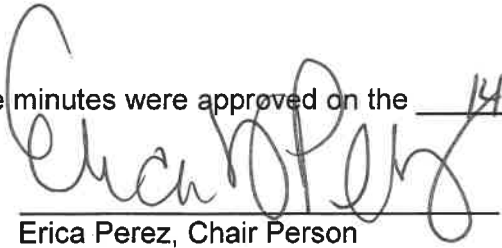
Ms. Lash stated the 2016 HOME Funds were not approved for an extension. A total of \$179,000 will be recaptured. Staff is working on a response to HUD for some corrective actions. Staff will also revamp the program, including revising legal documents.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Lamela moved to adjourn and Mr. Gutierrez seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adjourning with no abstentions and no objections. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

These minutes were approved on the 14th day of March, 2024.

By:


Erica Perez, Chair Person

Attest:


Mirna Pearson, Secretary