

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Community Development Board convened in a regular meeting on **Thursday, March 14, 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
	Mirna Pearson	Secretary
	Carolina Civarolo	Member
	Matthew Gabriel	Member
	Francisco Meza	Member
	Karen Valdez	Member
Absent:	Alejandro Aguirre	Member
	Jose A. Califa	Member
	Jose R. Gutierrez	Member
	Leonel Guerrero	Member
	Madeleine Aubrey Treu	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
	Araceli Salas	Administrative Assistant
	Michelle Rivera	Assistant City Manager
	Austin Stevenson	Deputy City Attorney

Call to Order

Chairperson Erica Perez called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.

1) Invocation

Chair Perez delivered the invocation.

2) Presentation of General Fund Application

The following agencies presented their applications:

1. Chamber of Commerce
2. McAllen Heritage Center

During the presentation, Francisco Meza abstained from discussion from McAllen Heritage Center.

3) Adjournment of PALM Business

Alex Lamela moved to close PALM Business. Francisco Meza seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections; PALM Business adjourned at 5:46 P.M.

4) Presentation of CDBG Projects

The following agencies presented their applications:

C3. Parks and Recreation

1. C.A.M.P. University
2. McAllen Food Pantry
3. Comfort House Services Inc. (via Zoom)
4. Easter Seals Rio Grande Valley
5. WeeCare, Inc. (via Zoom)
6. The Salvation Army
7. Children's Advocacy
8. First United Methodist Church McAllen
9. Court Appointed Special Advocates
10. LRGVDC
11. Silver Ribbon
12. ToGive International
12. Community Hope Projects Inc.
13. Boys and Girls Club of McAllen
14. Access Esperanza

Catholic Charities of the RGV was not in attendance.

During the presentation of the social services applications, Karen Valdez abstained from discussion from First United Methodist Church.

5. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lamela moved to approve minutes for January 29, 2024. Carolina Civarolo seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the minutes with no abstentions and no objections; motion passed.

6. Discussion of Community Development Business

Ms. Lash advised the committee that the application summaries provided in March 7th meeting are to delineate the agency's funding and spending updates.

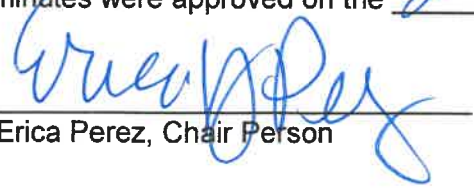
Ms. Lash reminded the committee of the response letter to the 2016 HOME One Year Extension. She stated the deadline for the extension was Tuesday, March 12, 2024 and a response was submitted to HUD. Ms. Lash further stated that HUD approved another 30-day extension.

7. Adjournment

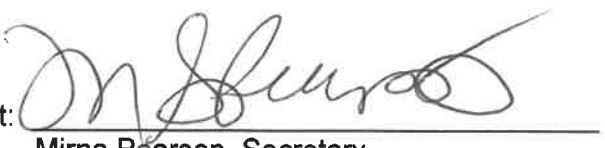
Mr. Lamela moved to adjourn the meeting. Mirna Pearson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adjourning with no abstentions and no objections. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

These minutes were approved on the 21 day of March, 2024.

By:


Erica Perez, Chair Person

Attest:


Mirna Pearson, Secretary