

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Community Development Board convened in a regular meeting on **Thursday, March 21, 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
Jose R. Gutierrez	Member

Absent:	Alejandro Aguirre	Member
	Joe A. Califa	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
	Crystal Montemayor	Administrative Assistant
	Jaime Ortiz	Compliance Officer
	Araceli Salas	Administrative Assistant
	Gabriel Perez	Grant Development Specialist
	Michelle Rivera	Assistant City Manager
	Austin Stevenson	Deputy City Attorney

Call to Order

Chairperson Erica Perez called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

1. Invocation

Chair Perez delivered the invocation.

2. Recommendation of General Fund Applications

During the discussion of proposals, the following CD members abstained from discussion and voting:

- Francisco Meza - McAllen Heritage Center
- Mirna Pearson - IMAS Museum
- Karen Valdez – Valley Symphony Orchestra
- Matthew Gabriel - Valley Symphony Orchestra

After some discussion, Alex Lamela made a motion to accept the General Fund projects as recommended. Jose Gutierrez seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections. Motion passed.

3. Adjournment of PALM Business

Mr. Lamela moved to close PALM Business. Mirna Pearson seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections; PALM Business adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lamela moved to approve minutes for March 14, 2024. Carolina Civarolo seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the minutes with no abstentions and no objections; motion passed.

5. Recommendation of Community Development Funds

Julia Lash advised the committee that the recommendations were going to be based on prior year's allocation as the allocation for the 2024-2025 program year had not been released.

a. FY 2024-2025 CDBG Projects/Activities

During the presentation of Construction projects, Francisco Meza abstained from discussion from the McAllen Parks and Recreation.

After discussion of proposed construction projects, Mr. Lamela made a motion to accept the Construction projects as recommended. Mr. Meza seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections. Motion passed.

After discussion of the proposed social service projects, Ms. Valdez made a motion to accept the Social Service projects as recommended. Mr. Lamela seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections. Motion passed.

b. FY 2024-2025 HOME Projects/Activities

During the presentation, Ms. Valdez abstained from discussion from the Affordable Homes of South Texas

After discussion, Ms. Valdez made a motion to accept the HOME project as recommended. Mr. Lamela seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections. Motion passed.

c. FY 2024-2025 ESG Projects/Activities

After discussion, Mr. Lamela made a motion to accept the ESG projects as recommended. Mr. Meza seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections. Motion passed.

6. Other Business

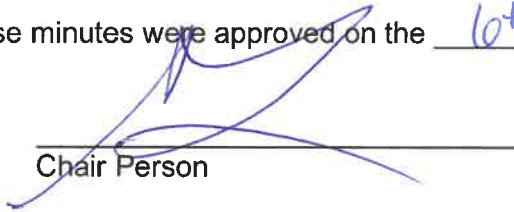
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7. Adjournment

Mr. Lamela moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gutierrez seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adjourning with no abstentions and no objections. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

These minutes were approved on the 16th day of March, 2025.

By:


Chair Person

Attest:


Madeleine Treu, Board Member