

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF MCALLEN

The McAllen Community Development Board convened in a regular meeting on **Thursday, March 6, 2025** in the City Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 1300 Houston, and McAllen, Texas at 5:30 P.M. with the following present:

	Alex Lamela	Vice-Chair
	Joe A. Califa	Member
	Jesus "Jesse" Barba	Member
	Heriberto Manrique	Member
	Steve Muenich	Member
	Andrea L. Rodriguez	Member
	Jaime Solis	Member
	Madeleine Aubrey Treu	Member
	Karen Valdez	Member
Absent:	Erica Perez	Chairperson
	Alejandro Aguirre	Member
	Conrado Ito Alvarado III	Member
	Matthew Gabriel	Member
	Leonel Guerrero	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
	Ryan Patlan	CV Program Coordinator
	Crystal Montemayor	Administrative Assistant
	Carla Castillo	Compliance Officer
	Michelle Rivera	Assistant City Manager
	Martin Canales	Assistant City Attorney III

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Alex Lamela called the meeting to order at 5:34 P.M.

1. Invocation

Steve Muenich delivered the invocation.

2. Presentation of General Fund Application

The following agencies presented their applications:

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| 1. McAllen Heritage Center | 7. Women Together |
| 2. Comfort House | 8. Valley Symphony Orchestra |
| 3. Museum of South Texas | 9. IMAS |
| 4. McAllen Chamber of Commerce | 10. Amigos Del Valle |
| 5. McAllen Town Band Association | 11. CASA |
| 6. Boys and Girls Club of McAllen | |

The following board members recused themselves from the presentation:

Heriberto Manrique – Boys and Girls Club of McAllen
Karen Valdez – Valley Symphony Orchestra

3. Recommendation of General Fund Applications

During the recommendation, Karen Valdez abstained from the discussion regarding the Valley Symphony, and Mr. Manrique abstained from the discussion regarding Boys and Girls Club of McAllen.

Joe Califa made a motion to award \$39,212.15 to CASA. Jesus Barba seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections; motion passed.

Ms. Valdez made a motion to award \$107,000 to Amigos del Valle, \$15,000 to Comfort House, \$40,000 to Museum of South Texas and \$38,000 to McAllen Town Band. Heriberto Manrique seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections; motion passed.

Andrea Rodriguez made a motion to award \$25,000 to Women Together. Mr. Manrique seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections; motion passed.

Joe Califa made a motion to award \$225,000 to Valley Symphony Orchestra. Jaime Solis seconded the motion. All voted in favor with one abstentions and no objections; motion passed.

Steve Muenich made a motion to award \$150,000 to McAllen Heritage Center. Ms. Rodriguez seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections; motion passed.

Mr. Manrique made a motion to award IMAS the additional \$91,000 from last year's allocation for a total award of \$928,900. Mr. Solis seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections; motion passed.

Mr. Califa made a motion to award \$1,200,000 to Boys and Girls Club of McAllen. Ms. Rodriguez seconded the motion. All voted in favor with one abstention and one objection; motion passed.

After further discussion, Madeleine Treu made a motion to accept the recommendation for the General Fund projects as follows:

CASA	\$ 39,212.15
Amigos Del Valle	\$ 107,000.00
Comfort House	\$ 15,000.00
Museum of South Texas History	\$ 40,000.00
Women Together	\$ 25,000.00
McAllen Town Band	\$ 38,000.00
Valley Symphony Orchestra	\$ 225,000.00
McAllen Chamber of Commerce	\$ 702,000.00
Boys and Girls Club of McAllen	\$1,000,000.00
IMAS	\$ 912,900.00
McAllen Heritage Center	\$ 150,000.00

Steve Muenich seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections. Motion passed.

4. Adjournment of PALM Business

Mr. Califa moved to close PALM Business. Mr. Manrique seconded the motion. All voted in favor with no abstentions and no objections; PALM Business adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

5. Discussion of CD Business

There was no new or old discussion regarding CD business.

6. Discussion of Possible Action of Election of Offices

This item was dispensed.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Califa moved to approve minutes for March 21, 2024 and February 27, 2025. Mr. Muenich seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the minutes with no abstentions and no objections; motion passed.

8. CD Board 2024 – 2025 Calendar

Julia Lash reviewed the calendar with the board members.

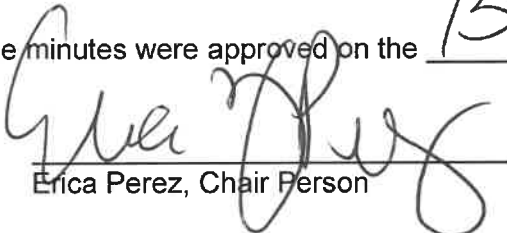
- a. CD Meeting – Presentation of Construction Applications: Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 5:30 P.M., City Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor City Hall.
- b. CD meeting – Presentation of Social Services Applications: Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 5:30 P.M., City Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor City Hall.
- c. Recommendation of CD Projects: Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 5:30 P.M., City Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor City Hall

8. Adjournment

Mr. Muenich moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Rodriguez seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adjourning with no abstentions and no objections. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

These minutes were approved on the 13th day of March, 2025.

By:


Erica Perez, Chair Person

Attest:


Madeleine Treu, Board Member