

Dana Loucks, Board Member
Larry Granados, Board Member
Richie DeMeglio, Board Member



Angie Grimm, Board Member
Richard Noon, Vice President
Victor Molaschi, Board Member

**ROANOKE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
TYPE B MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

**ROANOKE CITY HALL
500 S. OAK STREET
ROANOKE, TEXAS 76262**

Present: President Jason Kasal; Board Members: Larry Granados, Richie DeMeglio, and Dana Loucks; Assistant City Manager Cody Petree, and City Secretary April S. Hill.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. PUBLIC INPUT

No one wished to speak.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on current and future projects.

Assistant City Manager Cody Petree gave an overview of previous discussions regarding possible projects. Mr. Petree stated the projects discussed were pricing for soccer fields, electrical conduit along Oak Street, and public art projects. Mr. Petree further stated the City is currently working to place a mural on the backside of the building located on the southeast corner of Oak Street and Main Street (the old fire museum building). Also discussed was the purchase of land for a parking lot. The property on Hwy 377, from Main Street to Bowie Street was purchased and a parking lot with 85 spaces has been constructed. The following projects were also discussed: Mountain bike trials, aquatic center, lighted crosswalks (which the city funded and started), shading for playground equipment (some of which is in the Parks budget), and golf cart parking.

Mr. Petree explained if ballot measures pass, there would be a dissolution of the RCEDC Type B board. Mr. Petree further explained the objective is to see what projects the RCEDC Type B Board would like taken to City Council and REIDC Type A for funding, prior to this.

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Board member Dana Loucks stated Country Acres has no sidewalks and there are children walking through there, on their way to school. Mr. Loucks further stated she understands the issues with the bar ditches.

Mr. Petree stated that it is more difficult when there are bar ditches, due to the limited amount of right-of-way.

Ms. Loucks stated the bar ditches have draining issues and sanding water in them on occasion.

Mr. Petree stated the City does routine maintenance on them to try to keep them clear. Mr. Petree further stated the City is currently conducting a road analysis, to get a grading on all of the roads in Roanoke. The road analysis will help the City in the CIP Planning (Capital Improvement Plan), in numbering the roads based on condition.

President Jason Kasal stated the RCEDC Type B Board has a healthy fund balance, with very little allocated to any projects, possibly due to the Police Department project. Mr. Kasal asked the RCEDC Type B Board to suggest their top three (3) projects they would like to happen.

Board Member Larry Granados stated that his top priority is soccer fields.

President Kasal stated the current soccer fields can only be used on game day, and are limited in the event of rain. Therefore, the current soccer fields, although the best in the area are not utilized as much due to its limitations to keep it nice. President Kasal further explained the board would like a soccer field that has turf and lighting.

Mr. Petree stated the City received pricing to add turf and lighting to Fairplay Field (located behind the Roanoke Community Pool), at a cost of \$950,000.

President Kasal stated it should be a multipurpose field and have at least one (1) upright, so the field can be utilized for other sports, as well as soccer.

Board member Richie DeMeglio stated that he would like to see the hike and bike trails opened up.

President Kasal stated the hike and bike trails in Roanoke going from the Briarwyck Subdivision to Downtown are almost completed.

Mr. Petree explained that the trails are part of the City of Roanoke Trail Master Plan, which is being built in multiple phases, so this is already in progress.

President Kasal stated that he too thinks the trails are important, but the City is already invested in that project so that has been funded.

Board member Richie DeMeglio stated it would great to have a park like Southlake's Bicentennial Park. Mr. DeMeglio further stated he would like to see more artwork in the downtown area.

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Ms. Loucks stated she likes the trails and art ideas, which will encourage more people to visit the downtown area. Ms. Loucks asked if something could be done with the temporary fencing off Bobcat Blvd.

Mr. Petree stated plans are being resubmitted to construct more outdoor fields in that area, as opposed to an indoor field.

President Kasal stated his top three (3) projects are all-purpose turf field with lighting, Playground improvements with new features and shade structures (suggested park next to Roanoke Community Pool), and golf cart parking under the water tower on Oak Street (close to Main Street).

Mr. Petree stated he would send an email to City Manager Scott Campbell, with a synopsis of the priority projects the RCEDC Type B Board would like fund.

President Kasal recommended the following projects:

- 1) All purpose turf field with 1 goal post and lighting
- 2) \$100,000 - \$200,000 of multi park upgrades (similar to Bicentennial Park style)

Board members: Dana Loucks, Larry Granados, Richie DeMeglio, and President Jason Kasal agreed to recommend these to City Council for funding.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Richie DeMeglio second by Larry Granados to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

**see note below

Jason Kasal, President



April S. Hill, City Secretary

*****This Board has Been Terminated***

ORD NO 2022-114 - Canvassing - Special Election - Home Rule Charter Amendments and Type B sales tax

Proposition D: Type B Sales and Use Tax is hereby repealed: The termination of the Roanoke Community and Economic Development Corporation, a Type B economic development corporation and local sales and use tax at a rate of one-half of one percent, contingent upon the eligible voters of the proposed City of Roanoke Crime Control and Prevention District, which comprises the City of Roanoke, Texas, approving a ballot proposition authorizing the creation of the City of Roanoke Crime Control and Prevention District dedicated to crime reduction programs and the adoption of a proposed local sales and use tax at a rate of one-half of one percent.