

City of San Antonio



Minutes

**Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 30 – Westside Board of Directors Meeting
Via WebEx Phone/Video Conference**

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

1:00 PM

Remote via WebEx

Board Members Present

Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales, Chair
Councilman Roberto C. Treviño, Vice Chair
Julissa Carielo
Jorge Herrera
Jaime Macias

Board Members Absent

Vacancies (2)

COSA Staff

Verónica R. Soto, AICP, Director, NHSD; Ian Benavides, Assistant Director, NHSD; Edgar Olivas, Economic Development Manager, NHSD/TIF; Fedra Chapa, NHSD/TIF; Dorian Sanchez, NHSD/TIF; James Shale, NHSD/TIF; Edith Merla, NHSD; Kirby Farmer, NHSD; Christina Ramirez, CAO; Venessa Rodriguez, CAO; Alfred Chang, FMD; Shirley Saucedo, FMD

Guests

Graciela Sanchez and Amy Kastely, Esperanza Peace & Justice Center; Ramiro Gonzales, Westside Development Corporation

Call to Order and Roll Call

Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales (Chair) presiding.

The Chair welcomed the board and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. At roll call, five (5) members were present, establishing a quorum.

Public Comments

Reading of public comments by Fedra Chapa with the TIF Unit.

[At 39 min into the meeting.] The Chair asked if all the letters of support must be read. Venessa Rodriguez, Assistant City Attorney, interjected, stating that all letters must be read. Fedra continues to read letters from Say Si, Westside Corp., etc.

Approval of Minutes

Discussion and action to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2020 TIRZ #30 Westside Board of Directors Meeting.

Jorge Herrera made the motion for approval of the minutes for the October 27, 2020, TIRZ #30 Westside

Board of Directors Meeting, noting that the name, “Jorge Macias” should be corrected to read, “Jorge Herrera.” The motion was seconded by Jaime Macias. A vote was taken; all in favor; the motion carried.

Financial Report

Shirley Saucedo presented the Financial Report for the Westside TIRZ. The Chair asked questions: 1.) This report assumes that no additional funds are generated; 2.) Other projects shown in the Financial Report. Ms. Saucedo stated slide 2 shows \$3.3M is projected to be reimbursed to developers.

Jorge Herrera asked if there is a timeline to apply for funds. Edgar Olivas responded that there is no timeline. Mr. Olivas further stated that this TIRZ ends in 2032. No motion required to approve.

Individual Items:

#4 Discussion and action to consider a Resolution approving a Development Agreement with the Esperanza Peace & Justice Center to provide TIRZ reimbursement funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for eligible public improvements for the Rinconcito de Esperanza Project at 812 S. Colorado – 820 S. Colorado, in Council District 5.

The Chair asked for a recap regarding the Rinconcito de Esperanza Project. Graciela Sanchez spoke on behalf of their \$1.5M project request.

Ms. Carielo motioned for approval of a resolution approving a Development Agreement with Esperanza Peace & Justice Center to provide TIRZ reimbursement funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for eligible public improvements for the Rinconcito de Esperanza Project at 812 S. Colorado – 820 S. Colorado, in Council District 5; Jorge Herrera seconded; all in favor; the motion carried.

Jaime Macias conveyed his excitement with regard to the project and with the preservation of San Antonio history. Councilman Treviño expressed support for the project as well stating, “it’s great to see the westside community coming together.” The Chair asked for a timeline of commencement/ completion. Ms. Sanchez stated, they are ready to commence.

#5 Discussion and action to consider a Resolution approving a Funding Agreement with the Westside Development Corporation to provide TIRZ reimbursement funding in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 for eligible project costs related to the Westside Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Ramiro Gonzales provided a recap for the Westside Economic Development strategic plan. The goal is to foster economic growth in an inclusive way and look at displacement mitigation strategies. This also includes a COVID recovery plan. Looking at April/May timeline for consultant. The Chair opened the floor for questions.

Julissa recused herself from voting on this item.

The Chair asked Mr. Gonzales if this project is going out for an RFP. Mr. Gonzales replied, “no”.

Mr. Herrera asked how funds will be used. Mr. Gonzales stated funds would be used for the Strategic Plan. This Plan will be the final deliverable.

Mr. Macias stated full support for the Strategic Plan.

Councilman Treviño motioned for approval of a Resolution approving a Funding Agreement with the Westside Development Corporation to provide TIRZ reimbursement funding in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 for eligible project costs related to the Westside Economic Development Strategic Plan; Mr. Macias seconded; all in favor; the motion carried.

Board Member Comments

The Chair asked if there would be any other projects forthcoming to the board. Mr. Olivas stated there may be one in the second quarter of the upcoming calendar year.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Treviño motioned for adjournment; Ms. Carielo seconded. The meeting adjourned without objection at 2:30 p.m.

Certified this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Attest:

Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales,
Chair

Fedra Chapa (NHSD/TIF),
Transcriber of Minutes