

EAST END DISTRICT
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 13, 2019

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the East End District (the “District” or “EED”) met in a special meeting session, open to the public, at 3211 Harrisburg, Houston, Texas, on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 3:30 p.m. The roll was called for the members of the Board, to-wit:

Position 1	Ann Taylor	
Position 2	Blanca Blanco	
Position 3	Stephen Quezada	
Position 4	William McConnell	Chair
Position 5	Domenic Laurenzo	
Position 6	Joe Meppelink	Assistant Secretary
Position 7	Vacant	
Position 8	Jose Valdez	
Position 9	Devin Licata	
Position 10	Rodrigo Tejada	Treasurer
Position 11	Taryn Sims	Secretary
Position 12	Vacant	
Position 13	Craig Rohden	Vice Chair
Position 14	Marjorie Pena	
Position 15	Susan Sahwani-Garcia	

and all of the above were present except for Directors Devin Licata, and Susan Sahwani-Garcia, thereby establishing a quorum.

Also present during all or part of the meeting were Veronica Chapa Gorczynski, the District’s President; Eva Quiroz, the District’s Administrative Services Manager; and Patrick Ezzell of Coastal Builders.

Item 1. Grant Application: Consider and approve a resolution and related application for submission to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Safe Routes to School Grant program, and authorize appropriate action.

President Gorczynski provided background on a funding opportunity to address sidewalk conditions along Lantrip Elementary. She reported that TxDOT issued a call for projects for communities to apply for funding through the Safe Routes to School-Infrastructure (SRTS) program. She then presented a Resolution Supporting East End District’s Application to the Texas Department of Transportation’s 2019 Safe Routes to School-Infrastructure (SRTS) Call for Projects and corresponding grant application for the Board’s consideration. Action was taken below.

At 3:36 p.m. Assistant Secretary Joe Meppelink entered the meeting and at 3:38 p.m. Ann Taylor entered the meeting.

Patrick Ezzell then reviewed the funding obligations of SRTS grant recipients. He stated that the project costs for the proposed sidewalk improvements are estimated at \$443,448. He explained that the District will fund the project from its Capital Investments fund and will apply for reimbursement from the grant funds awarded. He also explained that the District will be responsible for all non-reimbursable costs and all costs that exceed the grant award. Mr. Ezzell also stated that contingency funds are incorporated in the District's budgeted costs for the project. After discussion, Assistant Secretary Joe Meppelink moved to adopt the Resolution Supporting East End District's Application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2019 Safe Routes to School-Infrastructure (SRTS) Call for Projects and approve the corresponding application. Stephen Quezada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Item 2. Executive Session, if Necessary. Convene executive session to discuss: (a) pending or contemplated litigation or to consult with the attorney in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; (b) acquisition of real property in accordance with Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; (c) personnel matters in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; (d) to receive information from or question employees in accordance with Section 551.075 of the Texas Government Code; employees; (e) deployment of security personnel or devices or a security audit in accordance with Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code; or (f) economic development negotiations or offers of financial incentives for economic development in accordance with Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code.


There was no need for an Executive Session.

Item 3. Reconvene in Open Session. Reconvene in public session to consider authorizing District staff and consultants to take any action necessary with respect to (a) pending or contemplated litigation or attorney advice; (b) acquisition of real property; (c) personnel matters; (d) receiving information from or questioning employees; (e) economic development negotiations or offers of financial incentives; (f) deployment of security personnel or devices or a security audit; and (g) any other matters relative to any of these matters which was discussed in Executive Session.

Item 4. Adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned at 3:49 p.m.




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