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Committee Members Present Rod Radle Mac Rattan

**Staff Members Present** Leonard Rodriguez, President Jocelyn Van Coney

Citizens to be heard.

### **Discussion / Action Items**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2015.

Mr. Radle moved to approve the minutes without amendment. Mr. Martinez provided the second. Motion carried.

2. BRIEFING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR LITTLE ITALY SAN ANTONIO (LISA).

Mr. Rodriguez briefed the committee on the proposed mixed-use development in and around Christopher Columbus Park near the intersection of West Martin and IH-10. He stated the City is willing to provide approximately \$10,000 in matching funds to the WDC for the purpose of hiring an outside consultant to develop a master plan for the site. A third-party estimate is pending at this time.

The committee made general remarks regarding the development, including questions of the ownership structure, revenue sharing and deed restrictions. A formal proposal from the developing entity is highly encouraged.

No action taken.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM LAMBERT, DBA FRENCH AND MICHIGAN, IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$50,000 FOR WORKING CAPITAL AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.

Ms. Van Coney provided an overview of the request from French & Michigan. Mr. William Lambert was present to address the committee, explaining how he intends to use the funds for operating capital. He answered committee member's questions about his business operations and described the triple net lease with the property owner of 115 Michigan.

Mr. Radle asked if a portion of the funds would be used for capital improvements to the building. Mr. Lambert said a portion of the employee's time will be on building maintenance but that major improvements were not planned.

The committee expressed concern with providing the total allocation in advance; instead, they suggested scheduled disbursements supported by evidence of payroll expenses.

Mr. Radle moved to recommend approval of a \$50,000 loan agreement for working capital to support at least one FTE, paid in two quarterly disbursements of \$15,000; and for the Project Committee to review the project prior to the release of a final \$20,000 payment. Mr. Radle provided a second. Motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH JUANITA ROMO, DBA MS. CHOCOLATIER, IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$5,000 FOR NEW EQUIPMENT AND INTERIOR DESIGN.

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Chris Martinez

Martin Herrera

Mr. Rattan introduced the item by recounting the recommendation from the Finance Committee that the Project Committee review it prior to them providing a recommendation. Mrs. Van Coney briefed the committee on the request.

After discussion of the application, the committee

Mr. Martinez moved to recommend denying the loan request and modify the previously awarded grant to make the funds immediately available for expenses related to procuring a Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Radle provided a second. Motion carried.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH GILBERT BARRIOS, DBA BARRIO BARISTA, IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$10,000.

Mrs. Van Coney briefed the committee on the loan request from Mr. DeHoyos. The Committee recalled the applicant is a current recipient of a matching grant. The members would like to see the applicant first meet the terms of the grant before submitting an application.

Mr. Radle moved to recommend denial. Mr. Martinez provided a second. Motion carried.

The Westside Development Corporation's Project Committee reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time to discuss any of the matters listed on the agenda above, as authorized by Texas Government Code § 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney); § 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property); § 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations); § 551.074 (Personnel Matters); § 551.076 (Deliberations about Security); and § 551.087 (Economic Development).

#### Adjourn.

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