



# 4B ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2016 –  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

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# FORMATION OF THE CORPORATION

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The Mesquite Quality of Life Corporation was created by the Mesquite City Council following an election by the citizens of Mesquite on August 14, 1999, which authorized an additional, one-half cent sales tax known as the economic development 4B sales tax. The ballot language stated:

***The adoption of a Section 4B sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent to undertake projects as described in Section 4B of Article 5190.6, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, as amended, limited to the following:***

***A. Transportation***

***B. Public Safety; and***

***C. Public Parks and Recreation***

***All revenues received will be used for projects in the three areas described above and funds may be used for the maintenance and operation expenses for any of the above-described projects.***

The State statute that allowed the creation of the Corporation allows expenditures of revenues by the Corporation to be used for land, buildings, equipment and improvements for items that fit under the definition of "project" under Section 2(10) of the Development Corporation Act (V.T.C.S. Article 5190.6), which encompasses the land, buildings, equipment, facilities and improvements that are suitable for any of the following:

- *Promotion of manufacturing and industrial facilities;*
- *Recycling facilities;*
- *Distribution facilities;*
- *Small warehouse and storage facilities;*
- *Air or water pollution control facilities;*
- *Development or redevelopment of closed military bases; and*
- *Facilities related to these projects.*

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Additionally, Section 4B of the Act specifically permits expenditures of Section 4B tax proceeds for land, buildings, equipment and improvements suitable for the following nine types of projects:

1. *Athletic facilities;*
2. *Parks and related public space improvements;*
3. *Tourism and entertainment facilities;*
4. *Commercial facilities;*
5. *Certain public facility improvements;*
6. *Transportation improvements;*
7. *Infrastructure improvements;*
8. *Other business related improvements; and*
9. *Affordable housing.*

House Bill No. 2912 made significant amendments to the Act; however, the Mesquite Quality of Life Corporation may only expend money for projects within the three areas allowed in the ballot language: Transportation; Public Safety; and Parks and Recreation.

The initial Board of Directors was appointed by the City Council on August 19, 1999, and Articles of Incorporation were filed with the State of Texas on August 20, 1999, formally creating the Corporation. The Bylaws for the Corporation were adopted by the Board on September 28, 1999, and approved by the City Council on October 4, 1999. An amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws were adopted during fiscal year 2002-03, which allows the Corporation to issue revenue bonds if the need arises.

# MISSION STATEMENT

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The Board of Directors adopted the Mission Statement on September 28, 1999.

**The Mesquite Quality of Life Corporation identifies and funds public projects within the areas of Transportation, Public Safety, and Parks and Recreation that maintain and/or enhance the quality of life for Mesquite residents and businesses.**

**The Corporation selects projects that:**

- **Reflect community values and priorities;**
- **Are visionary;**
- **Enhance Mesquite as a destination location;**
- **Balance the needs between the three project areas; and**
- **Are fiscally responsible for both current and future residents, visitors and businesses in our community.**

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### 2016-17 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**DIANE WRIGHT, PRESIDENT**

**DAVID BURRIS, VICE PRESIDENT**

**SHIRLEY ROBERTS, TREASURER**

**LARRY ALLEN, SECRETARY**

**NADINE WARD**

**BENNYE RICE**

**RON WARD**

The Board of Directors pictured below from left to right are Ron Ward, Nadine Ward, Bennye Rice, President Diane Wright, Secretary Larry Allen and Treasurer Shirley Roberts. (Not pictured is Vice President David Burris who was unable to attend the annual tour)



*July 26, 2017  
Mesquite Quality of  
Life Corporation  
Board of Directors on  
their annual tour of  
projects throughout  
the City of Mesquite.  
Pictured at the Grove  
of Honor located at  
DeBusk Park.*

# ACTIONS OF THE CORPORATION

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The Mesquite Quality of Life Corporation shall make an annual report no later than the first Monday of March each year to the Mesquite City Council. The annual report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A review of the accomplishments of the Board; and
- The activities of the Board for the budget year addressed in the annual report, together with any change in the activity as it relates to projects.

This Annual Report covers the period of fiscal year 2016-17, October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

The Corporation held nine Board meetings during the fiscal year and all Board meetings were held within the City of Mesquite. Dates and locations are shown below.

October 26, 2016	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
January 25, 2017	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
February 22, 2017	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
March 22, 2017	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
May 1, 2017	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
May 24, 2017	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
June 28, 2017	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
July 26, 2017	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
August 23, 2017	City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.

In FY 2016-17 the Corporation approved 18 projects totaling \$12,728,251 and \$200,000 for administrative expenses. In FY 2016-17, \$12,928,251 was allocated and combined with prior-year allocations; total expenditures for the Corporation were \$13,385,108.

In FY 2016-17, total revenues received by the Corporation were \$11,447,166. Of this amount, \$10,916,110 was sales tax revenue, \$37,829 investment income, and \$493,227 in grants and reimbursements. Combined with the beginning fund balance of \$8,024,711 the ending fund balance as of September 30, 2017 was \$6,086,769.

## APPROVED PROJECTS IN FY 2016-17

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The Corporation has approved expenditures throughout the community for projects that directly benefit the residents and businesses of Mesquite. The Board of Directors approved the following projects in Fiscal Year 2016-17:

<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
Debt Service (Town East Boulevard, Military Parkway to Skyline)		\$324,081
Military Parkway Trail		2,550,000
Traffic Management Center Operations		125,000
Airport Maintenance Project		50,000
Mesquite Transit Service Plan		87,000
Video Camera Signal Detection Retrofit		100,000
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS</b>		<b>\$3,236,081</b>
<b>PARKS AND RECREATION</b>		
Park Operations and Public Safety Equipment		\$6,372,288
PARD System Maintenance (ongoing)		500,000
Eastfield Soccer Lease		30,000
Median Landscaping (ongoing)		20,000
Highway Corridor Maintenance (ongoing)		450,000
Vanston Athletic Complex		712,882
Trail System Maintenance (ongoing)		50,000
Florence Recreation Center Renovation		775,000
Software System Upgrade		125,000
Seabourn Park Update		250,000
City Lake Aquatic Center Shade Structure		200,000
DeBusk Park Improvements (Grove of Honor)		7,000
<b>TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS</b>		<b>\$9,492,170</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>		<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>FY 2016-17 PROJECTS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$12,928,251</b>



# FY 2016-17 STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES & FUND BALANCE

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<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE (OCTOBER 1, 2016)</b>		<b>\$8,024,711</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
General Sales Tax		\$10,916,110
Investment Income		37,829
Contributions and Reimbursements		25,000
Grant Revenue		468,227
Other Revenue		-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$11,447,166</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Transportation		\$2,191,256
Public Safety		-
Parks and Recreation		10,993,852
Administration		200,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$13,385,108</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE (SEPTEMBER 30, 2017)</b>		<b>\$6,086,769</b>

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#### BEGINNING FUND BALANCE (OCTOBER 1, 1999)

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<b>REVENUES:</b>		
General Sales Tax		\$161,585,937
Investment Income		2,676,906
Contributions and Reimbursements		7,708,880
Grant Revenue		1,983,146
Other Revenue		261,768
Transfer-In Towne Centre TIF Funds		1,964,025
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$176,180,662</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Transportation		\$58,939,870
Public Safety		11,192,446
Parks and Recreation		98,939,610
Administration		1,021,967
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$170,093,893</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE (SEPTEMBER 30, 2017)</b>		<b>\$6,086,769</b>

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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