



BCIC Chair's Profile

Mr. Omar Hernandez has been BCIC's Board of Directors Chair since January 2016. Also prior to his Chair appointment he served as Secretary of this same board.

Background
He is born and raised in Brownsville, TX and is a well stabled business owner in the fields of Information Technology (IT) and Marketing. His extensive experience in the business world and past employment has provided him with a broad knowledge in the areas of economic development, applied technology, education, dispatch/911 operations, marketing, athletics, customer service, strategic planning, project management, and business administration.

Education
Mr. Hernandez graduated from Rivera High School in 1996; and although, he had multiple offers to attend high prestige universities/colleges he opted to stay in his hometown and attend UT-Brownsville. He obtained his Associates of Arts, Associates in Computer Information Systems and Bachelors in Computer Applied Technology.

Community Focus and Role at BCIC
Mr. Hernandez is a community man and strongly believes that Brownsville has the potential to be as attractive as any other larger city in Texas. In a recent conversation with him he said "I strive to make positive changes in Brownsville that will trickle down to our children and their upbringing." He also added that "As appointed Chair of BCIC I will strive for positive change, and excellence in Brownsville. My devotion and efforts are to make Brownsville better than it already is!!!"

BCIC is excited to have Mr. Hernandez as its Chair and looking forward to accomplishing great things for the Brownsville community under his leadership.

Look What BCIC Is Doing In Our Community

BCIC Funds West Brownsville League Improvement Project

BCIC Board of Directors approved a Capital Project Grant of \$5,510 dollars to the West Brownsville Little League Improvement Project. This grant will facilitate the purchase and installation of 2 permanent baseball pitching mounds made out of fiberglass that have a 5 year warranty with useful life of 10 years. The fiberglass mounts will prevent potential injuries to youth pitchers. The mounds at the West Brownsville Little League are currently constructed of dirt and clay. The grant will also permit the raising of the outfield fence to help prevent foul balls from being hit into the playground area of the park and into neighboring homes. We are proud to have provided funding to this worthwhile project and great community organization that makes Brownsville, Texas a great place to work, live and play!!! Viva Brownsville!!!



PHOTO of the MONTH



Mariachi and sweet bread at BCIC office during Charro Days!

BCIC Awards "\$52,850 to non-profits, City Departments in FY 2016 Cycle I promotion and community event funding"

The Brownsville Community Improvement Corp. (BCIC) has awarded a total of \$52,850 to local non-profit organizations and City of Brownsville Departments as part of its FY 2016 Cycle I promotion and community event funding.

BCIC will be awarding approximately \$1 million dollars throughout FY 2016 in capital projects and promotion/community events funding cycles for the purposes of developing new or expanded local business opportunities and/or tourism – and programming that enhances the quality of life for Brownsville residents.

The BCIC Board of Directors approved Cycle I promotional funding for the following:

- Brownsville Adult Literacy Council's 18th Annual Symphony in the Park
- Brownsville Animal Defense's BAD's Annual How-O-Ween Extravaganza
- Brownsville South Padre Island International Airport's Digital Marketing Campaign
- Brownsville Trailblazers's 5K/1 Mile Autism Run
- buildingcommunityWorkshop's Activating Vacancy Arts Incubator
- City of Brownsville - Police Department's Children's Bike Rodeo
- Communities in School of Cameron County's 5th Annual Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
- Dean Porter Park Renovation's Holiday Village 2016
- First Family Network of Cameron County's Halloween Book Bash Drive
- Mitte Cultural District's Online Promotion for Sixth Street Exhibit Video
- The Children's Museum of Brownsville's Chalk Art Festival
- The Children's Museum of Brownsville's Teddy Bear Clinic
- Tip of Texas Family Outreach's Walk for Child Abuse Prevention
- VMHS Band Boosters's Sweat for Vets 5k/1 Mile Fun Run

We look forward in continuing to work as a funding partner with all the great organizations of Brownsville, Texas.

Brownsville Metro ADA BUS STOP Enhancement (Southmost) Project

BCIC awarded \$261,131 capital project to Brownsville Metro for its planning and engineering portion of the project to construct ADA bus stop enhancements in several locations within the Southmost area. Brownsville Metro will hire an outside firm to survey and develop plans for the bus stops in the Southmost area. Plans will include enhancements such as: 15,133 linear feet of 4' sidewalks, 94 ADA ramps and 94 ADA pads, 151 10'x8 shelter pads and bus shelters, and 94 bus pads. BCIC is delighted to be integral part in improving the amenities of the city of Brownsville and the lives of our residents.



Mitte Cultural Education Center A/C Project

BCIC awarded a \$14,877 capital project grant to Costumes of Americas/Children's Museum of Brownsville and the City of Brownsville who are partnering in the purchase of 7 HVAC air conditioning units to replace the ones that currently serve the City owned Mitte Cultural Education Center. The current state of the system is malfunctioning and two are completely inoperable. The grant will facilitate the installation and updating of HVAC system which will provide service to the entire Mitte Cultural Education Center and create a welcoming environment for patrons, tourists and employees. BCIC takes great pride in being your community partner!



New Employee:

We are delighted to announce that a new employee has joined our BCIC staff, Victoria Padron, will assume the position of administrative assistant. We would like to welcome our newest team member.

Did you know?

Did you know that the BCIC Board of Directors does not get paid a salary? The directors serve without compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses.

Upcoming BCIC Funded Events/ Mtgs.

03/24/16	Board Meeting
04/16/16	Walk for Child Abuse Prevention
04/16/16	Chalk Art Festival 2016
04/16/16	5K & 1 - mile Autism Run

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