LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2015

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER
President Crowder called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Ron Crowder, President	None
Gene Smith, Secretary	
Deanie Barrett	
Bobby Hocking	
Louis McGaffey	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. Regular Meeting of March 19, 201~~4~~5
Board member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Board member Hocking seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT
a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report
Finance Director Kou was on vacation. The report stood as submitted.

5. PRESENTATION
a. Randy Hall; Painted Meadows
Mr. Hall gave an overview of the progress at Painted Meadows and stated that currently, 10 new homes are being started each month. He also addressed items as they pertained to new business items a, b, & c.

b. Deano Merrigan, 46 acres on FM 1764
Mr. Merrigan spoke briefly about his purchase of 46 acres adjacent to Gulf Greyhound Park. He is currently having the property cleared and will be targeting retailers for the site.

6. NEW BUSINESS
a. Discussion/possible action to engage McGrath & Co., PLLC, CPA, to perform a developer Reimbursement Audit of construction expenditures for PID 1, Painted Meadows, Section 4 in accordance with the adopted PID Disbursement Process
After a brief discussion, Board member Hocking made a motion to approve the hiring of McGrath & Co. to complete an audit of expenditures for Painted

Meadows, Section 4. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Discussion/possible action to recommend by letter of support the abandonment of city ROW in Painted Meadows, Section 4

Board member Smith made a motion to approve a letter of support regarding the city abandoning necessary city ROW for Painted meadows, Section 4. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Discussion/possible action regarding a letter of support for the annexation of property for Painted Meadows

After a brief discussion, Board member Hocking made a motion to approve a support letter regarding the annexation of property in La Marque's ETJ. The annexation would include the remaining section(s) of Painted Meadows. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Discussion/possible action regarding the audit extension offer from Belt Harris Pechacek

After a brief discussion, Board member Hocking made a motion to research at least two other auditing firms before a decision is made. Board member smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Discussion/possible action regarding Praxair's request for easement

After a brief discussion, Board member Hocking made a motion to have Director Getty continue to negotiate the terms. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Discussion/possible action to hire The Retail Coach to update the Retail Trade Area Demographics, Community Demographics and Retail Gap Analysis

Board member Hocking made a motion to hire The Retail Coach for $2,000. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

g. Discussion/possible action to approve renewing the annual membership with Galveston County Economic Alliance

Board member Smith made a motion to approve renewing the annual membership. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

h. Discussion/possible action to send the executive director and interested board members to the 2015 TEDC Mid-Year Conference in June

Board member Smith made a motion to approve the executive director and any interested board members to attend the conference. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

i. Discussion/possible action to fund a two time city wide trash pick-up through Republic Services

After a brief discussion, Chairman Crowder asked for two Board members to serve on a joint committee with members of Clean City Commission. Board members McGaffey & Barrett volunteered. Their charge is to come up with a 1-2 year plan for city wide clean ups.

j. Discussion/possible action regarding HB 4168

The consensus of the board was to send a strongly oppose letter to Senator Larry Taylor.

k. Discussion/possible action to approve the cash transfer authorization dated 4/7/15

Board member Smith made a motion to approve the routine cash transfer. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS - None

8. DISCUSSION

a. Director's Report - report may include past, present, or future projects

Director Getty mentioned that he was contacted by Tommy Jackson (DOW Pipeline ROW Specialist) to let us know that Seadrift Pipeline Corporation needs to perform an exploratory dig on their pipeline on EDC property. They plan to dig on the week of May 11th for 2 days. Director Getty also briefed the board in greater detail regarding Gulfway Plaza and the Small Business Development Center. There is hope to one day open a business incubator in the plaza.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Section 551.072 of the Government Code - deliberations about real property - land acquisition and or sale

Chairman Crowder recessed the regular meeting and called the executive session to order at 9:50 a.m., and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:07 a.m.

10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Consider land acquisition and or sale

It was the consensus of the board that the executive director respond to the proposal submitted by Moody Rambin and respectfully decline.

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS - None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Crowder stepped out at approximately 10:08 a.m. Secretary Smith adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:09 a.m.

Ron Crowder, President

Robin Eldridge, TMRC
City Clerk