



**LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2017**

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER
President Ron Crowder called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL ABSENT: None
PRESENT:
Ron Crowder, President
Gene Smith, Secretary
Deanie Barrett
Bobby Hocking
Louis "Mac" McGaffey
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Regular Meeting of February 16, 2017. Board member Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2017. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report
The monthly financial report stood as presented by the Finance Director.
5. PRESENTATION
 - a. Mudasir 'Lucky' Lakhani; former A-1 store at FM 1765 & Vauthier
Mr. Lakhani provided in detail a presentation of a proposed project that he is requesting assistance from EDC in the form of a grant for the development of the project.
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Discussion/possible action to participate in the cost of fencing at Crescent Electric
After a brief discussion, Board member Hocking made a motion to participate in the cost of fencing at Crescent Electric up to \$15,000.00. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Discussion/possible action regarding the request made by Mudasir Lakhani
Several scenarios as to the ingress and egress were discussed as well as parking, landscaping and location of pumps, before Board member Smith made a motion that this item be tabled to review the plans in more detail, for

consideration of the grant. Board member Hocking seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS- there was none

8. DISCUSSION

- a. Director's Report - report may include past, present, or future projects
Executive Director provided the report and added that Mr. Ali had a few other areas that he is interested in developing.
- b. Public Relations Report – report to include an overview of efforts as it pertains public relations
Public Relations Specialist provided and gave a report on the Focus Group meetings attendance record and feedback from the survey that was taken on-line. As of 3.13.2017, 143 persons had taken the survey. A six month pre-Bayou Fest meeting was held at the Chamber to begin planning the event.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Section 551.072 of the Government Code - deliberations about real property - land acquisition and or sale
- b. Section 551.074 of the Government Code – Personnel Matters
 - Executive Director annual evaluation
 - Public Relations Specialist evaluation

President Crowder closed the Regular Economic development Corporation meeting and opened up the Executive Session at 8:43 a.m.

President Crowder closed the Executive Session and opened the Regular Executive Session at 9:05 a.m.

10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

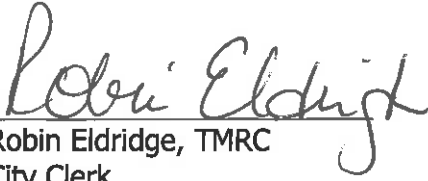
- a. Consider land acquisition and or sale
Board member Smith made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to proceed with the purchase of 7 potentially 8 lots in the Lake Road area up to \$50,000. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Consider action to be taken on the evaluations of the Executive Director and the Public Relations Specialist
Board member Smith made a motion to raise the Executive Director's salary to \$97,500.00 annually, and the Public Relations Specialist to \$55,000.00 annually. Board member Hocking seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

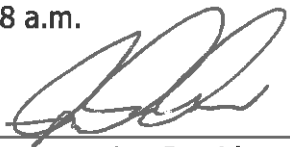
11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

The La Marque Garden Club will begin the planting of the community garden next to the EDC building on Friday, March 24, 2017 beginning around 9:00 a.m. Several members of staff had been attending an HGAC sponsored 'Texas Citizen Planner Program' for the past several Wednesday nights, and that it has been very informative and a great learning experience.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Hocking made a motion to adjourn. Board member Barrett seconded. The Board adjourned at 9:08 a.m.


Robin Eldridge, TMRC
City Clerk


Ron Crowder, President

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