LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2016

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER
President Crowder called the meeting to order at 8:01 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 July 21, 2016
Board member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2016. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT
a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report
Monthly Financial Report stood as submitted.

5. PRESENTATION
a. R.B. Herrscher, Enterprise Products / HSC Pipeline partnership, LLC
Mr. Herrscher briefly described the proposed easement agreement for a pipeline project that would be constructed in an existing pipeline corridor, which would not require any additional clearing.

b. Randy Hall, Painted Meadows Section 5
Mr. Hall gave a brief review of the progress of the development in Painted Meadows, Section V; and that this will follow the same process of the previous sections with the assignment of Section V revenue John F. Howell (Third Amendment to the PID and Financing Agreement).

c. James Yu, 714 Highway 3
Mr. Yu gave a brief review of his submittal of an application to the EDC Board requesting business improvement funds for his newly acquired building located at 714 Highway 3.

d. Yusi An, People Generation (Magical Winter Lights)

Ms. An of People Generation described the economic impact that the Magical Winter Lights event that will take place at the Gulf Greyhound Park and the possible revenue amount that it will generate for the City of La Marque. She highlighted the creation of temporary jobs for security, food vendors, and sales tax generated from this event. Briefly described the application submitted requesting sponsorship from the EDC Board for this event.

e. Colleen Merritt, Martin Merritt Media

Ms. Merritt introduced herself and highlighted some of her skills and accomplishments in the Public Relations field, in reference to item number 10 of this agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding the easement proposal submitted by HSC Pipeline Partnership, LLC

Board member Hocking made a motion to approve the easement proposal submitted by HSC Pipeline Partnership, LLC. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Discussion/possible action regarding the Third Amendment to Public Improvement District Development and Financing Agreement for Painted Meadows

Board member Smith made a motion to approve the Third Amendment to Public Improvement District Development and Financing Agreement for Painted Meadows Section 5. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Discussion/possible action regarding the Business Improvement Fund application submitted by James Yu

Board member Smith made a motion to approve the Business Improvement Fund project submitted by James Yu for the newly acquired building located at 714 Highway 3 and reimburse up to $3,000 for the project. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Discussion/possible action regarding the grant application submitted by Yusi An, Founder of Magical Winter Lights, requesting sponsorship for this event from the EDC.

Board member Barrett made a motion to approve the partial title sponsorship of this event by the EDC. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Discussion/possible action regarding the Moody Bank CD renewals

After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to withdraw the two Moody Bank CD's and deposit one with Amoco Federal Credit Union and one with ACU. Board member Hocking seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Discussion/possible action to fund a team in the Texas City/La Marque Chamber golf tournament

After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to fund a team for $1100.00 for the Texas City/La Marque Chamber Golf Tournament. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

g. Discussion/possible action to be a sponsor of the 2016 Galveston County Transportation Summit.

After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to sponsor the 2016 Galveston County Transportation Summit for $1,000.00. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

h. Discussion/possible action to renew the membership with TEDC.
After a brief discussion, Board member Hocking made a motion to authorize the renewal of the membership of the EDC with Texas Economic Development Council (TDEC). Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

i. Discussion/possible action to approve a budget to prepare 1130 1st Street for occupancy
After a brief discussion, Board member Smith approved a budget up to $75,000.00 for the preparation of 1130 1st Street for occupancy. (AC, heating, flooring, signage) Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

j. Discussion/possible action to approve the hiring of a consultant to assist with preparing 1130 1st Street for occupancy
After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to approve the hiring of a consultant to assist with preparing 1130 1st Street for occupancy. Board member McGaffey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

k. Discussion/possible action regarding budget transfer 2015-16.
After a brief discussion, Board member Hocking made a motion to approve the budget transfer. Board member Smith 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 briefly described the report and added that the application for a grant through Texas Department of Agriculture has been submitted and results should be received within the next week to ten days.

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 Public Relations position

President Crowder closed the Regular Economic Development Corporation meeting at 8:55 a.m. and went into Executive Session.

President Crowder closed the Executive Session and reconvened into the Regular ECD meeting at 9:24 a.m.

10. ACTION TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
a. Consider land acquisition and or sale – No action taken at this time
b. Consider action to be taken in regards to the Public Relations
After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to proceed with the hiring of the Public Relations position with a pay rate up to $55,000.00 per year. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Board member Barrett said that there are several blight areas of the City that need to be cleaned up and maintained. She also referred to the ordinance relating to the cleaning of the ditches, and disagreed that residents were responsible to clean out the ditches that technically belong to the City.

President Crowder reported that he attended the last Building Standards Commission meeting and was very impressed with the manner in which the Commission handled the meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Ron Crowder, President
Bobby Hocking, Vice President

Robin Eldridge

Robin Eldridge, TMRC
City Clerk

This unofficial copy of the minutes from the above meeting are posted for convenience only. Executed or certified copies of the minutes can be requested by contacting the City Clerk.