LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2016

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER
President Crowder called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL ABSENT: None
PRESENT:
Ron Crowder, President
Gene Smith, Secretary
Deanie Barrett
Bobby Hocking
Louis "Mac" McGaffey (arrived 8:12 a.m.)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. Regular Meeting of October 20, 2016
Board member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of October 20, 2016. Board member Barrett seconded the motion to approve the October 20, 2016 minutes with the corrections as stated by Chairman Crowder. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT
a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report
Financial Report stood as submitted. Finance Director Suzy Kou explained that the Investment Report was absent since it is being reconciled.

5. PRESENTATION
a. Randy Hall; Painted Meadows
Randy Hall reported that it would be necessary to replace some sections of storm sewer in the previous sections of Painted Meadows, due to improper installation that was noticed by the engineers while designing Section 5 of Painted Meadows. Repairs will be made at the engineer's expense. Each section to be repaired one at a time. The following will be addressed as this project moves forward: previously flooded vehicles; safety officers on site during repairs; car wash vouchers and assurance of streets being kept clean during this process; contractors to pull permits with the City. Avenues to notify citizens before and during the progress was discussed. The northern boundaries of the subdivision were also briefly discussed. It will be necessary to contact DD2 and Texas City to find to verify ownership. With the new subdivision (Lago Mar) going up adjacent to this easement, a pond exists, and high weeds and rodents are now in that area.

6. NEW BUSINESS -

a. Discussion/possible action regarding the Texas A&M proposal dated 11/2/2016

After a brief discussion, a few changes of the Texas A&M proposal were requested. One was to change the concept of New Orleans to potentially a French theme, and a few changes to the effort focus area addressed under the Scope of Work Explanation section. Colleen Merritt elaborated on a few of the tasks that she would be handling in her job capacity, starting with a focus group to include the surrounding businesses, including introducing the idea in the January issue of "Inside La Marque". Board member Hocking made a motion to approve the proposal regarding the Texas A&M proposal dated 11/2/2016. Board member Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Discussion/possible action to send Colleen Merritt and interested members to the TEDC Basic Economic Development Course February 7-10, 2017.

Board member Barrett made a motion to approve sending Colleen Merritt and interested members to the TEDC Basic Economic Development Course February 7-10, 2017. Board member Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Discussion/possible action to renew our annual membership with the Greater Houston Partnership

Board member Smith made a motion to approve the renewal of the EDC membership with the Greater Houston Partnership. Board member Barrett seconded the motion. 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 gave an update on the progress of the new building. He briefly gave an update on 2016, and touched on some goals for the 2016-2017 Budget year.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Consider land acquisition and or sale

Board member Smith made a motion providing direction to allow the Executive Director to move forward in negotiating with owners of a few pieces of property in mid-town La Marque. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at 9:22 a.m.

Robin Eldridge, TMRC
City Clerk

Ron Crowder, President

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