LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2017

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER
President Ron Crowder called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 December 15, 2016
Board member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2016. Board member Barrett 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 – none

6. NEW BUSINESS -
a. Discussion/possible action regarding the fiscal year 2017 line item transfers dated 1/19/2017
After a brief discussion, Board member Barrett made a motion to approve the fiscal year line item transfers dates 1/19/2017. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
b. Discussion/possible action to establish a timetable to begin holding EDC meetings at 1130 1st Street, La Marque, Texas
After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to conduct the next three EDC meetings (February, March and April) at the new building located at 1130 1st Street, and then decide at the April meeting where future meetings will be held. 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

Executive Director reviewed the report and added that attempts would be made to gather attendance information from other Christmas themed events in the area since there was an unusual amount of rain during that time frame. Colleen Merritt gave a brief overview of the PR update, including proposed meeting dates for focus groups to meet and discuss the revitalization plans for the downtown area of the city. Other areas briefly discussed were "branding" and advertising; Inside La Marque spring edition; a community garden; new zoning map underway; and plans for the upcoming 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 8:27 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 to authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to execute an option to purchase 28+ acres along I-45. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Board member Barrett made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to move forward on the Lake Road Project by ordering title reports to identify liens and ownership of properties for future availability. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Board member Hocking thanked the executive Director for his work on the Highland Park Project, and commended former Mayor Crowder on his great service to the City and his accomplishments and expressed his appreciation.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at 8:50 a.m.

Ron Crowder, President

Robin Eldridge, TMRC
City Clerk