



**LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 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 January 19, 2017. Board member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2017. Board member McGaffey 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 a grant to the Clean City Commission for the community garden beautification project
After a brief discussion, and viewing a rendering of the proposed site, Board member McGaffey made a motion to approve a grant to the Clean City Commission in the amount of \$2500 for the community garden beautification project. Board member Smith seconded. Board member Barrett abstained. Motion passed 4 ayes and 1 abstained.
 - b. Discussion/possible action to join the Texas Downtown Association
After a brief discussion, Board member Hocking made a motion to approve the La Marque Economic Development Corporation to join the Texas Downtown Association for \$245.00. 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 gave the Director's Report with the addition of the submission of plans from Panda Express for the City to review. 401 Laurel is almost cleared/cleaned out.

- b. Public Relations Report – report to include an overview of efforts as it pertains public relations

Colleen Merritt delivered the Public Relations report and thanked the Corporation for previously sending her to the TDEC training, she learned a lot. A training opportunity for all of those interested beginning on February 22nd and continue on Wednesday nights through April 5, 2017 (Texas Citizen Planner Program); a few minor changes to the report included: the Focus Group for the Community Group should be Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

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 8:33 a.m.

President Crowder closed the Executive Session and opened the Regular Executive Session at 9:20 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 move forward on the purchase 28+ acres along I-45. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

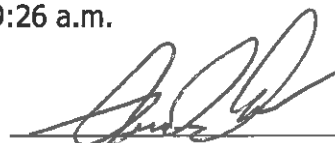
11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

President Crowder reminded all of the first Focus Group scheduled for February 23, 2017, to discuss downtown revitalization

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Hocking made a motion to adjourn. Board member Barrett seconded. The Board adjourned at 9:26 a.m.


Robin Eldridge, TMRC
City Clerk


Ron Crowder, President