LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2017

AGENDA:

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

2. ROLL CALL
   ABSENT: None
   PRESENT:
   Ron Crowder, President
   Gene Smith, Secretary
   Louis "Mac" McGaffey
   Deanie Barrett
   Bobby Hocking

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   a. Regular Meeting of October 19, 2017.
   Board member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2017.
   Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT
   a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report
   The monthly financial report stood as submitted.

5. PRESENTATION
   a. Greg Cornett; Snow King
   Greg Cornett, a local business owner explained his plans for remodeling his snow cone business on Cedar. Although the actual drawn plans were not available at the time, he briefly described the details of moving the business into a separate building on his property. He said he wasn't ready yet to bring the final plans to the board at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Discussion/possible action to have a portion of city ROW appraised adjacent to 4525 Gulf Freeway
   After a discussion involving a business that will be vacating their business along I-45, at the end of the year, Board member Hocking made a motion to have an appraisal done on the property. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

   b. Discussion/possible action to request the city abandon the city ROW adjacent to 4525 Gulf Freeway

Board member Barrett made a motion to request the city to abandon the city ROW adjacent to 4525 Gulf Freeway. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Discussion/possible action regarding the application submitted by Snow King

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to table this item, until the owner had the plans together and provided an update with his submission of his application for economic incentives.

d. Discussion/possible action to renew membership with the Greater Houston Partnership

After a brief discussion, Board member Hocking made a motion to approve the renewal of membership with the Greater Houston Partnership at the cost of $1,050.00. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS - None

8. DISCUSSION

a. Director's Report - report may include past, present, or future projects

Executive Director added to the report the need to identify members of an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss mobility projects that have a potential for federal funding in conjunction with Connect Transit improvements.

Bix Rathburn gave his report on his current projects, including Gulf Greyhound Park and provided a downtown revitalization update for potential business interests. He will continue to look for options for Gulf Greyhound Park.

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

Public Relations Officer provided her report, including feedback from the recent Bayou Fest, and Magical Winter Lights coming in November.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

There was no Executive Session.

10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Consider land acquisition and or sale

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Board member Barrett asked a few questions about water leaks, sidewalks and EDC being compensated for other departments using and working out of the EDC facilities.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the Regular meeting at 9:24 a.m.