



**LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 15, 2021**

**AGENDA:**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Crowder called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Ron Crowder, Chairman  
Gene Smith, Secretary  
Tracie Steans  
Cleveland Lane  
Bobby Hocking

ABSENT: none

CITY STAFF:

Alex Getty, EDC Director  
Colleen Martin, Public Relations  
Suzy Kou, Finance Director  
Kierra Nance, Deputy City Clerk

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular meeting of Regular meeting of May 18, 2021

Board member Smith made a motion to approve minutes. Board member Hocking seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Presentation of the monthly financial report

Chairman Crowder inquired about an expense from ADICO, LLC. Director Getty and Finance Director both stated that they had inquired about the expenditure with the City Managers Office but have not received a definitive response, will return to the board with a response. Board member Hocking made a motion to accept the financial report except for paying the Addico LLC charge. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. PRESENTATION

There were no presentations.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding initial discussions with Council about a new strategic plan

Board member Hocking made a motion to begin the discussions of a 5-year strategic plan. Board member Lane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding an EDC retreat

Board member Smith made a motion to direct EDC Director to begin researching potential dates and preparing for an EDC retreat possibly in conjunction with City Council. Board member Steans seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion/possible action to appoint a budget review committee

Chairman Crowder inquired if Board member Lane would be willing to serve on the budget review committee in addition to longtime member Board member Smith. The offer was accepted. Board member Steans made a motion to appoint Board members Lane and Smith to the budget review committee with EDC Director. Board member Hocking seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Discussion/possible action to get bids to hire a service to maintain the flower beds at 1130 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 401 Laurel

Board member Smith made a motion to direct EDC Director to hire a service to maintain the flower beds at 1130 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 401 Laurel. Board member Hocking seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Discussion/possible action to renew membership with the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC)

Board member Hocking made a motion to renew membership with the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC). Board member Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding Taztee Treatz Dessert Bar

This item was TABLED.

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding the lots granted to Bay Area Habitat for Humanity-Houston, Inc.

After a discussion involving the history and current state of the lots granted to Bay Area Habitat for Humanity-Houston, Inc. Board member Hocking made a motion to authorize EDC Director to begin proceedings to reclaim the lots granted to Bay Area Habitat for Humanity-Houston, Inc. Board member Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION

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

Economic Development Director presented to the board. Report stood as submitted.

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

Public Relations Specialist presented to the board. Report stood as submitted.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Section 551.072 of the Government Code - deliberations about real property - land acquisition and or sale  
b. Section 551.071 of the Government Code - consultation with attorney

There was no executive session.

10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Consider land acquisition and or sale

EDC Director gave important updates to properties of interest to the board as well as properties owned by La Marque EDC. No action was taken.

- b. Consider action to be taken regarding consultation with attorney

There was no action taken.

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Public Relations Specialist announced that she will not be in attendance for the July meeting as she will be graduating that day. The board offered congratulations for the accomplishment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am.

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