



**LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2021**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDER OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ISSUED MARCH 16, 2020, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CONDUCTED THIS MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL OF LIMITING FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS (ALSO CALLED “SOCIAL DISTANCING”) TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). THERE WAS NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE LOCATION AND A TOLL-FREE DIAL-IN NUMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TELEPHONIC MEETING WAS PROVIDED. THE PUBLIC WAS PERMITTED TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENTS TELEPHONICALLY AS PROVIDED BY THE AGENDA AND AS PERMITTED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER DURING THE MEETING.

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Crowder called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular meeting of December 15, 2020

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

The report stood as submitted.

5. PRESENTATION

a. Will Andino; Benito’s International Restaurant

Will Andino was not present at the meeting, however Executive Director Getty spoke on his behalf explaining the need for financial assistance.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the offer received from Cobb, Fendley and Associates, Inc. on behalf of Gulf Coast Water Authority to purchase EDC owned property described by the Galveston Central Appraisal District as ABST 150 J D Moore SUR LOTS 12, 13 & PT of LOTS 11 & 14 BLK 24 DIV N COOK & STEWART SUB

Board member Hocking made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to continue negotiations on this piece of property. Board member Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding a potential SBA HUB Zone designation request

Board member Hocking made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to move forward with the request, and present to City Council. Board member Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding the application for incentives received from Benito's International Restaurant

Board member Hocking made a motion to approve a grant up to \$25,000 for Benito's International Restaurant. Board member Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

8. DISCUSSION

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

Executive Director Getty submitted a report.

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

Public Relations Specialist submitted a report.

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

There was no action to be taken.

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

The Board welcomed Board member Tracie Steans and Mrs. Steans expressed gratitude for her appointment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

This unofficial copy of the minutes from the above meeting are posted for convenience only. Executed or certified copies of the minutes can be requested by contacting the City Clerk.
