

RICHARD WARREN, PRESIDENT
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CHUCK ENGELKEN, BOARD MEMBER
VENESSA GUERRERO, BOARD
MEMBER



VACANT, BOARD MEMBER
RANDY WOODARD, BOARD MEMBER
SHELLEY FULLER, BOARD MEMBER

MINUTES OF LA PORTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING OF MAY 22, 2017

The City of La Porte Development Corporation Board met on **May 22, 2017**, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, 77571, at **5:00 p.m.** to consider the following items of business:

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Warren called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following members of the La Porte Development Corporation Board were present: Board members Fuller, Engelken and Ojeda. Absent: Board members Guerrero and Woodard. Staff Present: Corby Alexander, Traci Leach, Patrice Fogarty and Clark Askins.

2. CONSENT *(All consent agenda items are considered routine by the La Porte Development Corporation Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member requests an item be removed and considered separately.)*

(a) Consider approval or other action regarding minutes of the La Porte Development Corporation Board meeting held on January 9, 2017 and minutes of meeting held on March 27, 2017 – P. Fogarty

(b) Financial Report – M. Dolby

Board member Engelken moved to approve the Consent Agenda items pursuant to staff recommendations. Board member Fuller seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0. Board members Woodard and Guerrero were absent.**

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Discussion and possible action to include projects in the proposed budget for the La Porte Development Corporation Board for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 – T. Leach

Assistant City Manager Traci Leach presented a summary to include projects for Wave Pool Renovations; Main Street Lighting; a new Recreation and Fitness Center; and Northwest Pool Renovations in the proposed budget for the La Porte Development Corporation Board for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Board member Fuller asked if the Senior Center will remain at its location at the existing Recreation and Fitness Center. Assistant City Manager Traci Leach responded yes.

Board member Ojeda made a motion to move forward for a public hearing on June 12, 2017, for the proposed projects for the La Porte Development Corporation Board for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Board member Engelken seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0. Board members Woodard and Guerrero were absent.**

(b) Discussion and possible action to include project for installation of sidewalks on Spencer Highway from Valley Brook to Underwood in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 in an amount not to exceed \$98,000 – T. Leach

Assistant City Manager Traci Leach presented a summary.

Board member Ojeda questioned why the installation of sidewalks is not from Farrington Blvd. Ms. Leach advised it is an error on her notes.

Board member Engelken suggested Staff to go back and conduct a survey to see if sidewalks can even be installed, if there is room, on either the north and/or south side of Spencer Highway. Staff will do some survey work.

(c) Discussion and possible action regarding economic development options for former Port Theater – T. Leach

Assistant City Manager Traci Leach presented a summary and invited Horace Leopard to provide an update. Mr. Leopard reported repairs have been made to water damage around the stage building, and bids are being obtained to for painting and new carpeting. Mr. Leopard advised he sees the building being used as an event center, and the big expenses will be on the exterior of the building. Mr. Leopard commented he feels that renovating the theater will be great for the city.

Board member Engelken asked Mr. Leopard what type of participation is he looking for from the Board. Mr. Leopard that signage, projection equipment, and re-paving the terrazzo will reach upwards to \$275,000. Ms. Leach advised that Mr. Leopard is aware of the different programs that are available. She also stated there is no prohibition to an applicant receiving a grant and an incentive.

President Warren suggested Staff get with Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins to ensure what the Board can do as far as providing assistance.

(d) Discussion and possible action regarding project for installation of sidewalks along Main Street – T. Leach

Due to lack of time in the meeting and the fact that the council meeting starts precisely at 6:00 pm, this item will be placed on the agenda for the June 12, 2017, meeting.

4. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Board members set the next meeting date for Monday, June 12, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS regarding matters appearing on agenda; recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events; inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policies.

Board member Engelken asked if there is an update on the Economic Development Coordinator position. City Manager Corby Alexander responded no.

6. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Board member Engelken moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. Board member Fuller seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0. Board members Woodard and Guerrero were absent.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

Passed and approved on this the 12th day of June, 2017.

President Richard Warren