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NANCY OJEDA, BOARD MEMBER

MINUTES OF LA PORTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 31, 2016

The City of La Porte Development Corporation Board met on **March 31, 2016**, at the La Porte Police Department Conference Room, 3005 N. 23rd Street, 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 5:02 p.m. The following members of the La Porte Development Corporation Board were present: Board members Engelken, Woodard, Martin and Ojeda. Absent: Board member Clausen. Staff Present: Corby Alexander, Traci Leach, Sharon Harris, Scott Livingston, 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 of minutes of the La Porte Development Corporation Board meeting held on February 22, 2016 – P. Fogarty

(b) Receive Financial Report – S. Livingston

Regarding Item B, Finance Director Michael Dolby provided a Financial Report. There were no questions from Board members.

Board member Martin moved to approve the Consent Agenda items pursuant to staff recommendations. Board member Woodard seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 5/0. Board member Clausen was absent.**

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Discussion and possible action regarding future projects and/or initiatives of the La Porte Development Corporation – S. Livingston

Economic Development Coordinator Scott Livingston presented a summary for future projects and/or initiatives of the La Porte Development Corporation.

Board members discussed and identified the status of each task assigned to the La Porte Development Corporation Board found in the City Council 2013 Strategic Plan; identified if the Board would like to address the initiatives that are included in the 2012 Comprehensive Plan Update and how the Board would like to address the remaining tasks outlined in one or both of the City Council 2013 Strategic Plan and 2012 Strategic Plan for the upcoming year.

Board members questioned and scored the amount of time and money that should be invested to attract new companies that would create new primary jobs and/or attract new capital investment to La Porte; the amount of time and money that should be invested to facilitate the retention and expansion of existing businesses that may ultimately result in creating new primary jobs and/or attracting new capital investment to La Porte; if greater value and/or priority should be placed upon contributing funds to private businesses or public improvements to areas such as the corridors of Main Street, S. Broadway, SH 146, and/or San Jacinto Street; in direct relation to Goal #4c of the City Council's 2013 Strategic Plan, does the Board prefer private development of a breakwater marina with a waterfront restaurant on City-owned property or publicly developed and owned assets and of what value and/or priority should be placed upon increasing the level of wages and employment opportunities with local employers for the citizens of La Porte.

Staff advised an online survey will be created to poll each Board member's interest in proceeding with implementing any ideas introduced and/or discussed during the course of the meeting. Board members were also advised results of the online survey will be presented at a future meeting.

No formal vote or action was taken.

4. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Board members set the next meeting dates for Monday, April 25, 2016, and Monday, May 23, 2016, 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.

There were no comments.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Board member Ojeda moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Board member Martin seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Harris, Assistant City Secretary

Passed and approved on this 25th day of April 2016.

President Richard Warren