

RICHARD WARREN, PRESIDENT
NANCY OJEDA, VICE-PRESIDENT
CHUCK ENGELKEN, BOARD MEMBER
VENESSA GUERRERO, BOARD
MEMBER



MIKE CLAUSEN, BOARD MEMBER
RANDY WOODARD, BOARD MEMBER
SHELLEY FULLER, BOARD MEMBER

MINUTES OF LA PORTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2016

The City of La Porte Development Corporation Board met on **December 12, 2016**, 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, Guerrero, Woodard, Clausen, and Ojeda. 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 October 24, 2016 – P. Fogarty

(b) Consider approval or other action authorizing Staff to execute payment in the amount of \$2,868.50 to Deborah S. Bernay, O.D. (dba La Porte Vision Center) for completion of enhancement grant project, in accordance with terms of incentive agreement – T. Leach

Board member Clausen moved to approve the Consent Agenda items pursuant to staff recommendations. Board member Woodard seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0.**

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

(a) Public hearing to receive comments regarding proposed projects providing for designation of 1) \$350,000.00 for parking spaces at Pecan Park; 2) \$400,000.00 for restroom/Pavilion at Five Points and 3) \$229,665.00 for Enhancement Grant Program; consider approval or other action authorizing projects of the La Porte Development Corporation in the amount of \$350,000.00 for parking spaces at Pecan Park; \$400,000.00 for restroom/Pavilion at Five Points and \$229,665.00 for Enhancement Grant Program – T. Leach

The public hearing opened at 5:01 p.m.

Assistant City Manager Traci Leach presented a summary.

Board member Woodard asked if the proposed parking spaces at Pecan Park are concrete or asphalt. Assistant City Manager Traci Leach responded concrete. Board member Woodard asked if funds

have already been spent for restrooms at Five Points. Ms. Leach responded yes, either \$11,000.00 or \$17,000.00 has been spent. Board member Woodard asked Ms. Leach to explain the concept of the restroom/Pavilion at Five Points. Ms. Leach advised, an open air 60X40' covered multipurpose structure with electrical, fans, and restrooms.

There being no public comments, the public hearing closed at 5:12 p.m.

Board member Clausen moved to authorize a project of the La Porte Development Corporation in the amount of \$350,000.00 for parking spaces at Pecan Park. Board member Woodard seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0.**

Board member Clausen moved to authorize a project of the La Porte Development Corporation in the amount of \$400,000.00 for restrooms/pavilion at Five Points. Vice-President Ojeda a seconded. **MOTION PASSED 6/1.**

Ayes:	President Warren, Vice-President Ojeda, Board members Fuller, Clausen, Engelken and Guerrero
Nays:	Board member Woodard
Absent:	None

Board member Clausen moved to authorize a project of the La Porte Development Corporation in the amount of \$229,665.00 for the Enhancement Grant Program. Board member Woodard seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0.**

4. AUTHORIZATIONS

- (a) Consider approval or other action amending the Enhancement Grant Program to include a requirement that City of La Porte businesses be included in the quotation process for applicable projects – T. Leach

Assistant City Manager Traci Leach presented a summary.

Vice-President Ojeda requested the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce listings be included in the quotation process.

Board member Woodard moved to amend the Enhancement Grant Program to include a requirement that City of La Porte businesses be included in the quotation process for applicable projects as written. Board member Fuller seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0.**

5. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Board members set the next meeting date for Monday, January 9, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

- 6. **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 requested an update on the status of hiring an Economic Development Coordinator. City Manager Corby Alexander reported interviews were conducted with one potential candidate; but the background check was unacceptable. Therefore, the recruiting process begins again.

President Warren wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

7. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Board member Engelken moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Board member Clausen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

Passed and approved on this the 9th day of January, 2017.

President Richard Warren