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## **CITY OF LA PORTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING AGENDA**

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the City of La Porte Development Corporation to be held on December 11, 2017, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 W. Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, beginning at 5:00 PM to consider the following items of business:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **AUTHORIZATIONS**
  - (a) Consider approval or other action regarding minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting of the La Porte Development Corporation Board - P. Fogarty
3. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - (a) Discussion and possible action regarding fencing design options under La Porte Development Corporation project for erection of fence along Spencer Highway between Underwood Rd. and Farrington Blvd. - R. Cramer
4. **SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING - C. Alexander**
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.**
6. **Adjourn**

The La Porte Development Corporation Board reserves the right to meet in closed session on any agenda item should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code (the Texas open meetings laws).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of La Porte will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending public meetings. To better serve attendees, requests should be received 24 hours prior to the meetings. Please contact Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary, at 281.470.5019.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that a copy of the December 11, 2017 , agenda of items to be considered by the Board of the La Porte Development Corporation was placed on the City Hall Bulletin Board on December 5, 2017.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrice Fogarty".

Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

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## MINUTES OF LA PORTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2017

The City of La Porte Development Corporation Board met on **November 13, 2017**, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, 77571, at **5:15 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. Other members of the La Porte Development Corporation Board present: Board members Fuller, Engelken, Black, Guerrero, Earp, and Ojeda. Staff Present: Corby Alexander, Michael Dolby, Patrice Fogarty, Ryan Cramer and Clark Askins.

### 2. AUTHORIZATIONS

(a) Consider approval or other action regarding minutes of the August 14, 2017, meeting of the La Porte Development Corporation Board – P. Fogarty

Board member Chuck Engelken moved to approve minutes of the August 14, 2017, meeting of the La Porte Development Corporation Board. Board member Nancy Ojeda seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0.**

(b) Consider approval or other action authorizing the La Porte Development Corporation Staff to execute payment in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Patrasia Hefley in accordance with the terms of incentive agreement for enhancement grant project at 832 S. Broadway St., - R. Cramer

Planning Technician Ryan Cramer presented a summary.

Board member Engelken made a motion to authorize La Porte Development Corporation Staff to execute payment in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Patrasia Hefley in accordance with the terms of incentive agreement for enhancement grant project at 832 S. Broadway St. Board member Earp seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0.**

### 3. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Board members set the next meeting date for December 11, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

4. **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.

President Warren introduced new Board member Doyle Black.

Board member Doyal Black gave a brief background of himself.

President Warren thanked Board member Black for being on the Board.

**5. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Board member Engelken moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. Board member Ojeda seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

Passed and approved on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

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President Richard Warren

**REQUEST FOR LA PORTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AGENDA  
ITEM**

Agenda Date Requested: <u>December 11, 2017</u> Requested By: <u>Ryan Cramer</u> Department: <u>Economic Development/Tourism</u> Report: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Resolution: <input type="radio"/> Ordinance: <input type="radio"/>	<u>Appropriation</u> Source of Funds: <u>Fund 038</u> Account Number: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Amount Requested: _____ Budgeted Item: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
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**Exhibits:**

1. [Letter of Recommendation](#)
2. [Cedar Fence Option](#)
3. [Precast Concrete Option](#)
4. [Single Wythe Brick Option](#)

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**SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS**

During the FY 2017-18 budget process, the La Porte Development Corporation agreed to fund the construction of a masonry wall along Spencer, between Underwood and Farrington. When the issue was discussed both the EDC and City Council considered 3 different fencing options. The options were for a cedar fence, a pre-cast fence, and a single wythe masonry fences. At the time, the single wythe masonry was selected. As we staff has gotten into the design process, we thought it important to bring this issue back for further consideration.

In particular, the design consultant is recommending the cedar fence option over the single wythe option previously selected. Revised construction estimates put the cost of the cedar fence at \$280,000 and single wythe option at \$806,000. Additionally, staff believes that maintenance will be less expensive as we can repair any damage to the cedar fence in-house.

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**Action Required by the La Porte Development Corporation:**

Take action to confirm the type of fencing designed for Spencer.

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**Approved for the La Porte Development Corporation Agenda**

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**Corby D. Alexander, City Manager**

**Date**

November 29, 2017

Mr. Don Pennell  
Assistant Director of Public Works  
City of La Porte  
2963 North 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
La Porte, Texas 77571

**RE: Spencer Highway Fence Recommendation**

Dear Mr. Pennell,

Attached you will find preliminary cost estimates for three different options for the proposed fence/wall to be constructed along Spencer Highway between Underwood and Farrington. The prices range from a low of \$280,000 (\$50/ft) for the cedar fence option to \$806,000 (\$145/ft) for the Single Wythe Brick Wall option, with the Pre-Cast Concrete fence being approximately \$640,000 (\$115/ft). We have had experience with the design and construction of each of these types of walls. They each have their pros and cons which I discuss below.

**Cedar Fence**

Pros – Cost of Construction, ease of replacement if damaged

Cons – Life cycle (10-15 years for lumber), maintenance (3-5 years for sealing)

**Pre-cast Concrete**

Pros – Stronger than cedar, no maintenance

Cons – Installation costs, matching concrete panels when damaged

**Single Wythe Brick**

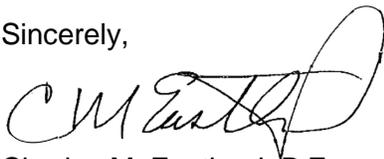
Pros – Appearance, no maintenance

Cons – Cost to replace when damaged, long-term durability

For installations along major thoroughfares that are susceptible to vehicle impact, there is an indeterminate amount of repairs that are going to be needed on these fences/walls over their life cycle. For the purposes of this letter, I have assumed that this installation primarily will serve as a privacy fence and beautification of this segment of Spencer Highway, and that the intent of this project is not to have the fence/wall serve as a crash barrier. If that is the case, my recommendation would be to opt for a high quality cedar fence that is sealed approximately every third year. This option will help to manage the City's expenditures on an annual basis and also keep the fence looking nice.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this recommendation.

Sincerely,



Charles M. Eastland, P.E.  
Vice President – Regional Manager



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