

**CITY OF FREEPORT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
200 West 2nd Street, Freeport, Texas 77541**

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COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)
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BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in regular session Thursday, June 11, 2015 at the Freeport EDC Office, 200 West 2nd Street, Freeport, TX, for the purpose of considering the agenda items.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Quorum Present

Troy Brimage, President
Brooks Bass
Roy Yates
Jason Travis
Jennifer Hawkins, Director

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Annette Sanford

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by the President

VISITORS COMMENTS

Annette Sanford commented that although she did not know Mr. Matamores well, she believed him to be a hard worker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Director Bass, second by Director Travis, it was VOTED: Minutes of May 21, 2015, be approved.

Vote: Yea 4 No 0 Motion prevailed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Alliance bill scheduled for approval was not present.

EDC DIRECTOR REPORT:

- a. Update on event scheduled for August, 1st in downtown Freeport and Heritage Ballroom (both stories) from 4:00-10:00 pm. Event to be combination Art Show/Farmers Market with substantial draw from popular musicians, Cole Degges and The Bonfire Choir. Reported current expenditures (including musicians, advertising in The Facts) are approximately \$3,680. Costs still to be determined include: marketing material setup, flyer/poster printing, security, signage for festival. Social media marketing will play a heavy role in director's marketing efforts. This event offers free vendor space and free admission. Haak Winery and Karbach Brewing Company will be vending as well.
- b. Small Business Incubator has its first tenant, Deb Coniff of Oak Pony Originals. Deb is a potter and canvas artist. She is eager to get started, hold classes, give live demos and sell her pottery.
- c. Greg Westergren, property manager for the shopping strip at 903 West 2nd Street in Freeport has agreed to participate in the Incubation program by offering rental space for \$300 per month for a 6 month period.
- d. Director made a request for a year's subscription to Retail Lease Trac, an online service that gives direct contact information for retail real estate developers, demographics requirements, expansion plans, etc. Director Bass suggested to check with the Brazoria County Alliance before a financial commitment could be made.

MATAMORES CONSTRUCTION CHERRY STREET PROJECT:

Mr. Matamores was not in attendance.

BRAZOS RIVER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

President Brimage gave his update on the LJA Engineering project that addresses new development along the Brazos River from Brazosport Boulevard to the guillotine. Except for a hotel near Brazosport Boulevard

there will be no commercial development along the river from Brazosport Boulevard to the Velasco Bridge. From the Velasco Bridge to the guillotine, there would be a mix of commercial and residential, with the bulk of commercial development being near the Gore's property closer to the marina. A boardwalk possibly with some park areas included (per LJA's recommendation) was discussed.

FAÇADE GRANT:

Item re-agenda

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board retired into Executive Session at 6:59 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:03 p.m. As a result of Executive Session, Mr. Matamores' claim was denied due to lack of documentation from Mr. Matamores.

The Robert Worley Proposal was re-agendaed pending further discussion by the Board.

Upon motion by Director Bass, second by Director Travis, it was VOTED: The meeting adjourn.

Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Hawkins
Executive Director