

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

STATE OF TEXAS)
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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 Monday, May 23, 2016, 8:00 am 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
Roy Yates
Jason Travis
Drew Ryder
N.C. Hickey, Administrator
Jennifer Hawkins, Director

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE:

Diana Kile
Trey Sullivan

Citizens Comments

None

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting called to order at 8:03 a.m. by the President.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Director Travis, second by Director Ryder, it was VOTED:

Minutes of April 14, 2016 be approved.

Vote: Yea 4 No 0 Motion prevailed.

Directors Report:

Update on Freeport First Event at Heritage Ballroom. Director Hawkins reported that over 70 local businesses had been personally informed about the program and invited to the event. Attendance was in excess of 30 locals representing 7 businesses. Bridge Harbor and Brazos Brews and Blends provided food, desserts and drinks. Each business owner was given the opportunity to educate fellow citizens about their business and network. The Freeport First program was explained in detail and buttons and stickers were given to all to pass on to employees, etc.

Director Hawkins also informed the Board that Bayou City Adventures approached the city manager concerning kayak, stand up paddle boards and Jet Ski rentals from the pier near River Place. This would be an ongoing venture at no cost to the City. To kick off the event it was suggested by Mr. Pynes that a band and food vendors should be involved in the “Kick off” event to be held Sunday, June 12th.

Director Hawkins proposed a budget of \$1300 for music entertainment. Director Yates proposed an increase to \$1800.

Upon motion by Director Yates and second by Director Travis, it was VOTED:

A budget of \$1800 should be allocated to entertainment for kayak, standup paddle board and jet ski Kick off Event.

VOTE: Yea 4 No 0

Motion Prevailed.

Director Hawkins also revisited the possibility of involvement with the Texas Film Commission. The initial step in placing Freeport with the Commission as a viable site for filming, a site locator needs to be engaged to review and photo the area for their archives.

It was suggested by Director Hawkins to the Board that Bo Svenson, a site locator for the Texas Film Commission be hired for this project.

Upon a motion by Director Yates and second by Director Ryder, it was VOTED:

Mr. Svenson be hired as site locator for Freeport with a budget of \$1,000.

Vote: Yea 4 No 0

Discussion about Texas Parks and Wildlife Open Access Grants was tabled due to the absence of Attorney Duncan.

Discussion concerning Sponsorship for Texas Coast Music Festival was tabled due to absence of quorum when Director Travis had to leave session.

Executive Session:

The Board retired into Executive Session at 8:37 am

Open Sesssion:

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:55 am

No action taken as a result of Executive Session

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Hawkins
Director