



## NEDERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### Minutes December 20, 2017

#### MEETING

A meeting of the Nederland Economic Development Corporation was called to order at 4:31 p.m. at the Nederland Economic Development Corporation Office, 1519 Boston Avenue, by President Regan Meaux.

#### QUORUM

Board members present: Billy Neal, Craig J. Belaire, Regan Meaux, and Sylvia Root. Absent: Bert Rogers, Mike Roebuck and Brian Swindel. Others present: Kay DeCuir, NEDC Executive Director and Christinia Herrmann, NEDC Administrative Secretary.

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO AMERICAN FLAG

Craig Belaire gave the invocation and Regan Meaux led the Pledge.

#### MINUTES

**A motion was made by Craig Belaire and seconded by Sylvia Root to approve the minutes of November 15, 2017**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes: Belaire, Meaux, Neal and Root.**

**Noes: None. Absent: Roebuck, Rogers and Swindel.**

#### FINANCIALS

Kay DeCuir reminded Board that there were no Financial Reports due to Audit Process. She advised she had signed authorization form giving Cheryl Dowden, City Finance Director authority to review the NEDC financial accounts for annual audit. Kay shared the current interest rates on the TexPool Accounts and the total interest received on both accounts thus far as sixteen thousand eighty-one dollars and .46/100 (\$16,081.46).

#### PRIDE PROGRAM

An application was received from a business, Patriot Security for a project consisting of installing awnings covering entrances for facility located at 1824 Nederland Avenue in Nederland, TX. They are requesting one thousand one hundred eighty-nine dollars and .28/100 (\$1,189.28) for a project totaling two thousand three hundred seventy-eight dollars and .55 /100 (\$2,378.55).

**A motion was made by Craig Belaire and seconded by Billy Neal to approve the PRIDE Program application for Patriot Security in the amount not to exceed one thousand one hundred eighty-nine dollars and .28/100 (\$1,189.28) for awnings at 1824 Nederland Avenue in Nederland, Texas**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes: Belaire, Meaux, Neal and Root.**

**Noes: None. Absent: Roebuck, Rogers and Swindel.**

## COMMUNICATION

Kay DeCuir shared

- Two upcoming events
  - January 11, 2018 – Nederland Chamber of Commerce's Installation Banquet to be held at Benton's. The Business of the Year, (Butcher's Korner) and Organization of the Year, (Mid-County Relay for Life). NEDC will purchase a table for 8 and we will need to know who will be attending.
  - January 17, 2018 – Economic Forecast Breakfast will be held at the Beaumont Event Center and will begin at 7:30 am. The NEDC will have a table for 8 and we will need to know who will be attending.
- The NEDC partnered with the City of Nederland and Nederland Heritage Festival again this year to sponsor the Shop Nederland tabloid which was inserted in the Port Arthur News on Black Friday. This year we had 108 ads placed by Nederland businesses. Some of the ads included coupons which are good through December 31, 2017.
- Light Up Nederland Contest Judging was held on Thursday evening, December 14, 2017 and the winners were;
  - Business: 1<sup>st</sup> – Glory B's Consignment Shop, 2<sup>nd</sup> – B C Miller Electric, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Durso's, 4<sup>th</sup> Southeast Texas NAPA and Honorable Mention – The Old Mercantile Antique Shop
  - Residential: 1<sup>st</sup> – David Kelley, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mitch & Angie Macon, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Griffen & Brian Spell, and 4<sup>th</sup> – Mike Sowell.
- Shop Nederland Event – held Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. 32 businesses participated and contributed over \$1200.00 in gifts and gift cards. Participants had to visit all 32 businesses on December 16<sup>th</sup> and have their card stamped, then dropped off their completed card at the NEDC office. A drawing was held on December 18<sup>th</sup> with Karla Kay winning the basket of goodies.
- New Businesses:
  - Durso's – three businesses in one, Cross Candle Company, Durso's A-1 Woodworks and Durso's Home Décor.
  - Hannah Bay's – moved from Groves into a booth space inside The Rustic Door
  - Artisan Vapor – has opened their doors next to Woogies on Hwy 69
  - K & S Plaza on Nederland Avenue is now ready for Tenants
- Other Business news: 4 stores in one location on Boston, Chatzkies, Sassy Trendz, Paisley Peach Children's Boutique & Sweet Tea Furnishings are having a drawing for a Louis Vuitton purse on December 22 for everyone who spends \$100 or more.
- Airport update:
  - Al Judice informed me Tropical Storm Harvey has throw off his timing and he is having problems with contractor and looking for new contractor. He is currently speaking with Gentile Construction so he can move forward.
  - Met with Glow Representatives on Saturday & Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> in Houston. They are ready to get started, just waiting for County to give Surface Rights agreement to Title Company for lenders. They have several food establishments and an entertainment venue interested in signing a 15-year lease, some of whom have locations in the City Centre in Houston. Kay is working with Ken Whitlow, who is working with Billy Doornbos, on Surface Rights release. The Doornbos Family owns the surface rights on the area Judice will be leasing. There are eight to twelve families that own surface rights on the side of The Landing where Golden Square will go.
- Holidays – the NEDC will close ½ day on Thursday, Friday and then Christmas Day and the same schedule for New Years. (The City will close Friday December 22 & Monday, December 25 as well as ½ day on Thursday)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The regular meeting was recessed at 5:00 p.m. by President Regan Meaux for the purpose of conducting an Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.087, to discuss the offer of an incentive to a business prospect; Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 to discuss litigation and/or legal advice; or Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.072 to discuss potential acquisition, exchange, and/or release of property.

**RECONVENE**

The regular meeting was reconvened by President Regan Meaux at 5:18 p.m. President Meaux announced no action was needed on Texas Government Code Chapter 551.087 to discuss the offer of an incentive to a business prospect; or Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.072 to discuss potential acquisition, exchange, and/or release of property.

President Meaux announced action was needed on Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.071, to discuss litigation and/or legal advice;

**Sylvia Root made a motion and Billy Neal seconded the motion to approve plan to plot 4 lots in Phase I of the Airport Project at an estimated cost of three hundred twenty-five thousand, three hundred twenty-five dollars and no/100 (\$325,325.00)**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes: Belaire, Meaux, Neal, and Root.**

**Noes: None. Absent: Roebuck, Rogers and Swindel.**

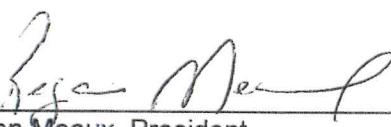
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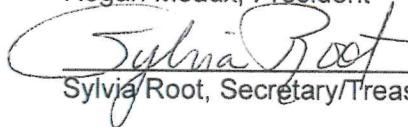
**There being no further business, a motion was made by Billy Neal and seconded by Sylvia Root to adjourn. President Meaux adjourned the meeting at 5:25 pm.**

**Motion carried.**

**Ayes: Belaire, Meaux, Neal, and Root.**

**Noes: None. Absent: Roebuck, Rogers and Swindel.**

  
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Regan Meaux, President

  
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Sylvia Root, Secretary/Treasurer