

# **NEDERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

## **Minutes November 16, 2016**

### **MEETING**

A meeting of the Nederland Economic Development Corporation was called to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Nederland Economic Development Corporation Office, 1519 Boston Avenue, by President Craig J. Belaire.

### **QUORUM**

Board members present: Craig J. Belaire, Regan Meaux, Billy Neal, Mike Roebuck, Bert Rogers, Sylvia Root and Brian Swindel. Absent: None. Others present: Jim Wimberley, NEDC Attorney, Kay DeCuir, NEDC Executive Director and Christinia Herrmann, NEDC Administrative Secretary. Guest present: Mary Meaux, Port Arthur News Reporter.

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO AMERICAN FLAG**

Bert Rogers gave the invocation and Craig Belaire led the Pledge.

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Billy Neal and seconded by Regan Meaux to approve the minutes of October 19, 2016.

Motion carried.

Ayes: Belaire, Neal, Meaux, Roebuck, Rogers, Root and Swindel.

Noes: None. Absent: None.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The regular meeting was recessed at 4:32 p.m. by President Craig J. Belaire 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 Belaire at 4:38 p.m. President Belaire announced no action was needed on Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.087 to discuss the offer of an incentive to a business prospect; Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.072 to discuss potential acquisition, exchange, and/or release of property; or Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 to discuss litigation and/or legal advice

### **PRIDE**

A discussion was held regarding applications for the PRIDE Program.

An application was received from a business, Kemp Properties, for a project consisting of exterior painting, replace metal awning and paint, repair concrete pad, add additional parking, striping of parking lot, repair broken stone/brick exterior and landscaping located at 1036 Nederland Avenue in Nederland, TX. They are requesting ten thousand dollars and no/100 (\$10,000.00) for a project totaling thirty-three thousand seven hundred twenty dollars and no/100 (\$33,720.00).

A motion was made by Bert Rogers and seconded by Brian Swindell to approve the PRIDE Program application for Kemp Properties, LLC in the amount not to exceed ten thousand (\$10,000.00) for exterior painting, replace metal awning and paint, repair concrete pad, add additional parking, striping of parking lot, repair broken stone/brick exterior and landscaping at 1036 Nederland Avenue in Nederland, Texas

Motion carried.

Ayes: Craig J. Belaire, Regan Meaux, Billy Neal, Bert Rogers, Mike Roebuck, Sylvia Root and Brian Swindel.

Noes: None. Absent: None

An application was received from a business, Smoothie King for a project consisting of signage, update exterior painting, and exterior changes to match other Smoothie King locations, located at 1033 Nederland Avenue in Nederland, TX. They are requesting six thousand three hundred thirty-one dollars and 86/100 (\$6,331.86) for a project totaling twelve thousand six hundred sixty-three dollars and .73/100 (\$12,663.73).

A motion was made by Billy Neal and seconded by Regan Meaux to approve the PRIDE Program application for Smoothie King in the amount not to exceed six thousand three hundred thirty one dollars and 86/100 (\$6,331.86).

Motion carried.

Ayes: Craig J. Belaire, Regan Meaux, Billy Neal, Bert Rogers, Mike Roebuck, Sylvia Root and Brian Swindel.

Noes: None. Absent: None

An application was received from a business, Woogies Sandwich Shop, for a project consisting of signage located at 401 S. Memorial Freeway Suite 391 in Nederland, TX. They are requesting one thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars and no/100 (\$1,825.00) for a project totaling three thousand six hundred fifty dollars and no/100 (\$3,650.00).

A motion was made by Bert Rogers and seconded by Sylvia Root to approve the PRIDE Program application for Woogies Sandwich Shop in the amount not to exceed one thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars and no/100 (\$1,825.00).

Motion carried.

Ayes: Craig J. Belaire, Regan Meaux, Billy Neal, Bert Rogers, Mike Roebuck, Sylvia Root and Brian Swindel.

Noes: None. Absent: None

### COMMUNICATION

Kay DeCuir informed the Board of the following;

- Cost of Technology System and software updates for staff would be approximately four thousand two hundred sixty-nine dollars and .94/100 (\$4,269.94) for two laptops, software, printer and Geek Squad Service. To include technology update in Board Room with the addition of a fifty inch (50") inch Television with wall mount, cabling, sound bar and installation, the total cost for all technology updates will be approximately five thousand fifty-nine dollars and .87/100 (\$5,059.87). Regan Meaux suggested we purchase a larger television (sixty-five inch) so that everyone attending Board Meetings would be able to see presentations better.
- Fall Market Day was a success with 55 Vendors and raised total of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in booth fees which was donated to the Nederland Fire and Police Departments (\$250.00 each)
- Trunk-R-Treat was very well attended and all candy was distributed.



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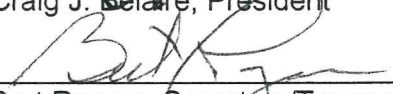
- Donations from Market Day were presented to the Nederland Fire and Police Departments during the November 14, 2016 City Council Meeting.
- Yard Signs for Shop Nederland Campaign are ready for distribution
- Light Up Nederland Contests will be held again this year and we've had 2 additional prize levels
- Christmas Tabloid Advertisement is once again being provided to our businesses by the City, Chamber and EDC
- Monitoring of four businesses is current
- December Meeting will be moved to December 14, 2016 and Regan Meaux will facilitate
- Shared copy of the Economic Upbeat
- Thanksgiving Holiday office closure will be from noon Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Wimberley informed Board he should receive news on leases from Kathleen Kennedy this week. He also shared he had spoken with the attorney for Sonic regarding land on Highway 69. They are holding off on building Ford Dealership due to economy and suggested Jim go ahead and send them a proposal for First Right of Refusal on the property.

#### **ADJOURN**

**There being no further business, a motion was made by Bert Rogers and seconded by Regan Meaux for President Belaire to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 pm.**

  
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Craig J. Belaire, President

  
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Bert Rogers, Secretary/Treasurer