

NEDERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Minutes March 09, 2022

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 Sylvia Root.

QUORUM

Board members present: Don Albanese, Billy Doornbos, Bret Duplant, Sylvia Root and Anthony Toups. Absent: Mitch Macon and Mike Roebuck. Others present: Jim Wimberley, NEDC Attorney, Kay DeCuir, Executive Director and Christinia Herrmann, Executive Secretary.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Billy Doornbos gave the Invocation and led the Pledge

MINUTES

A motion was made by Anthony Toups and seconded by Don Albanese to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting.

Motion Carried

Ayes: Albanese, Doornbos, Duplant, Root and Toups.

Noes: None. Absent: Macon and Roebuck.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was recessed at 4:35 p.m. by President Root for the purpose of conducting an Executive Session of the Nederland Economic Development Corporation, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Chapter 551.087 Deliberations regarding Economic Development Incentives; Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 to discuss litigation and/or legal advice

RECONVENE

The regular meeting was reconvened by President Root at 4:47 p.m. President Root announced no action was needed on Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.087- Deliberations regarding Economic Development Incentives.

President Root announced action was needed on Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.071, Litigation and/or legal advice.

A motion was made by Billy Doornbos and seconded by Bret Duplant to approve the demolition of buildings located at 147 Twin City Hwy., 1119 Atlanta, 1125 Atlanta and 1131 Atlanta in Nederland, by GB Dumpsters for an amount not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars and no/100 (\$15,000.00) and to approve the removal of trees on the above-mentioned properties by Lombardo's Tree Service for an amount not to exceed seven thousand dollars and no/100 (\$7,000.00)

Motion Carried

Ayes: Albanese, Doornbos, Duplant, Root and Toups.

Noes: None. Absent: Macon and Roebuck.

PRIDE

An application was received from a business, For The Love of Foods, for a project consisting of signage (installation of a pole & sign) at 2505 Nederland Avenue in Nederland, TX. They are requesting seven

thousand four hundred fifteen dollars and .13/100 (\$7,415.13) on a project totaling fourteen thousand eight hundred thirty dollars and .25/100 (\$14830.25).

A motion was made by Anthony Touns and seconded by Don Albanese to approve the PRIDE Program application for, For The Love of Foods, in an amount not to exceed seven thousand four hundred fifteen dollars and .13/100 (\$7,415.13).

Motion Carried

Ayes: Albanese, Doornbos, Duplant, Root and Touns.

Noes: None. Absent: Macon and Roebuck.

FINANCIALS

Since Sales Tax Reports are not published until the 15th of each month and meeting was moved up a week due Heritage Festival, there are no Financial Reports this month.

COMMUNICATION

Kay DeCuir shared the following with the Board;

- She applied for a grant in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) available for Non-Profits through the Port Arthur News for new trees for our Atlanta Avenue Project.
- Arch update. Half of the vinyl for the wrap has been received and they are waiting to receive the remaining vinyl to finish project
- Market 409 will be moving forward with a small craft market in April on the bank parking lot between the Bank Building and The Golden Cup. A draft of the agreement was shared with the Board for review. If there are no issues with the April market, the NEDC will go forward with a 90 Day agreement with Market 409.
- Sassy Trendz informed the NEDC of a monthly Market they will sponsor from April through September on the vacant lot next to their building. They will be donating the booth fees to a different Charity each month
- The Nederland Heritage Festival has submitted a Certificate of Insurance for the use of the Bank Parking Lot for the annual Car Show to be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022
- Chamber of Commerce is planning a Candidate Forum for the upcoming School Board Elections. Since there will be a runoff election for our Precinct 2 Commissioner and both Candidates are from Nederland, Kay proposed the NEDC host a Candidate Forum for these two candidates to be held in April.

A motion was made by Anthony Touns and seconded by Billy Doornbos giving Kay DeCuir permission to move forward with setting up a Candidate Forum for the Precinct 2 Commissioner Race to be held in April.

Motion Carried

Ayes: Albanese, Doornbos, Duplant, Root and Touns.

Noes: None. Absent: Macon and Roebuck.

- Reminded them we have two NEDC Parking Passes for the Heritage Festival for Board Members
- Chamber Ribbon Cutting for Neighborhood Veterinary Centers (NVC) is scheduled for Friday, March 11, 2022 at 10:30 am
- The Welkom Arch is being used by several people as a photo backdrop. The latest being, Ortiz Menswear for their Prom Show and HealthSource for their Marketing material. A recent guest at a City Council Meeting commented to Council that he lives in another town and comes to Nederland often for work and loves seeing the Arch. He feels it is a great way to "Welkom" guest to our town
- JoJo Disney of the show 90 Day Fiancé will be at Twisted Gypsy on Saturday, March 12th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm

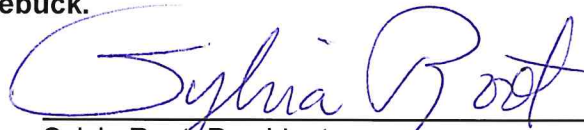
ADJOURN

There being no further business, President Root made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm.

Motion Carried

Ayes: Albanese, Doornbos, Duplant, Root and Toups.

Noes: None. Absent: Macon and Roebuck.



Sylvia Root, President



Mitch Macon, Secretary / Treasurer