

Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation * Regular Monthly Meeting
City of Junction * August 1, 2017
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The *Junction Texas Economic Development Corporation* was called to order by Polly Robinson for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at 5:18 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Room. A quorum was established with the following:

Present:

President: Polly Robinson
Vice President: Michael J. Townsend
Treasurer: Jean Jacoby
Secretary: Carol Neiman
Directors Present: Tom Rattan
Kimberlee Gosney
(Board Vacancy)

Also Present: Donna E Oliver-Leep, JTEDC Office Manager; and James Murr, journalist with The Junction Eagle newspaper.

Public Forum: No one wished to speak during the time allotted for the public forum.

Consent Items: (A.) **Minutes** and (B.) **Financials:** After a review of the minutes and the financials, Ms. Neiman made a motion to accept the minutes and financials as reviewed; Mr. Townsend seconded the motion; and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Robinson noted that the paperwork for grants to Holiday Inn Express and Adventurous Embroidery were recently signed and disbursements would begin soon. She stated that the hotel grant would be paid from reserve funds, as current revenue less financial commitments was insufficient to fund this project. The Board acknowledged this situation and agreed that funding would come from savings.

Reports:

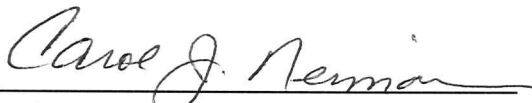
- (A.) **Clean Up Committee:** There was no report. The previous chairman of this committee has resigned from the board. Ms. Robinson asked Ms. Gosney to be on this committee with Mr. Rattan. Ms. Oliver-Leep will send Ms. Gosney a list of the standing committees in the event she would rather pick another committee to be on.
- (B.) **Business Outreach Committee:** Ms. Neiman reported that she has spoken with Cliff Kaplan of Hill Country Alliance regarding a possible night skies initiative to build on previous efforts to make Junction lighting night-sky friendly. This might involve working with local businesses to implement simple fixes for bad lighting. After a discussion, it was determined that Ms. Neiman will follow up with Mr. Kaplan on a proposal to investigate which businesses will need such lighting, how a business will be recognized as "night sky friendly" and whether there is local interest in manufacturing the shields.

- (C.) Office Manager's Monthly Report: Ms. Oliver-Leep's report regarding July's activities was included in the board packet. She highlighted the various approaches used by other EDC organizations when filling vacancies on their board.
- (D.) Junction Tourism Board's Monthly Report: Ms. Robinson's report regarding the JTTB board meeting was included in the board packet. She provided an overview of Dr. Tim Chandler's marketing proposal.

Business Incentive Grant Policy: Ms. Robinson led the discussion on the changes made to this policy and the performance agreement. A motion was made by Ms. Jacoby to accept the policy and agreement with item #6 being deleted and minor typos corrected; it was seconded by Mr. Townsend. Mr. Rattan objected to the policy because he believes the reporting requirements of the grantee are burdensome and intrusive. The motion passed on a vote of five to one, with Mr. Rattan voting "no."

Budget for 2017-2018: Ms. Robinson led a discussion regarding the upcoming 2017-2018 Budget to be presented to City Council. After a discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Gosney to approve the budget once two line items were adjusted; Ms. Jacoby seconded the motion; and it passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on August 1, 2017.



Carol Neiman, Secretary