

**MINUTES
CITY OF PORT ARTHUR SECTION 4A
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING
4173 39th Street, Port Arthur, Texas
November 15, 2006**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION & PLEDGE

The following Board Members were present: Richard Wycoff, Keith Daws, Linda Spears, Eli Roberts, and Kerry Thomas.

The invocation was given by Linda Spears.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation.

III. MINUTES

None.

IV. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

A. PRESENTATIONS

1. Dikita Engineering

President of the Board asked for a motion to table this item. A motion was made by Keith Daws and seconded by Kerry Thomas to table this item. CEO explained that the Board has received the revised letter and proposal in agenda packet.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. To discuss and consider the approval of payment to Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. for the crime policy effective through October 1, 2007.

Jana Barnes explained that it was needed for crime policy and required by Statue. A motion was made by Linda Spears and seconded by Richard Wycoff. The vote was unanimous.

- 2. To discuss and consider the approval of payment to the National Development Council for services rendered for the month of October 2006.**

A motion was made by Kerry Thomas and seconded by Keith Daws to approve the payment to the National Development Council for services rendered for the month of October 2006. The vote was unanimous. Board Members requested an update on NDC.

VI. NON-CONSENT

- 1. To discuss and consider the approval of reimbursement to the City for the remaining portion of the deductible in the Mills litigation.**

A motion was made by Linda Spears and seconded by Richard Wycoff to approve the reimbursement to the City for the remaining portion of the deductible in the Mills litigation. Board Members had concerns about this matter. Questioned why the EDC can't be on a separate policy? A second motion after questioning was made to approve this item by Linda Spears. Motion failed due to lack of second. President of the Board requested explanation from City staff. The vote was unanimous.

- 2. To discuss and consider the approval of engaging Professional Engineering Design and Construction Phase Services for the extension of Jade Avenue within the Port Arthur Business Park with Ron Arceneaux of Arceneaux & Gates Consulting Engineers, Inc.**

A motion was made by Kerry Thomas and seconded by Keith Daws to approve the engaging Professional Engineering Design and Construction Phase Services for the extension of Jade Avenue within the Port Arthur Business Park with Ron Arceneaux & Gates Consulting Engineers, Inc. The vote was unanimous.

- 3. To discuss and consider the approval of an economic incentive agreement between the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation and Neofuel USA.**

This item was tabled until next meeting.

- 4. To discuss and consider the essays entered into for the Economic Development Week essay contest.**

This item was tabled until after executive session.

VII. REPORTS

1. CEO's Report was given by Floyd Batiste regarding Economic Development Week.
2. Financial Report for the month of September 2006 by Jana Barnes.
3. Discussion about the security officers; Board member Kerry Thomas asked if the officers were able to attain.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board retired to executive session at 7:25 p.m., and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

After Executive Session, the Board acted on the following items:

1. A motion was made by Linda Spears and seconded by Kerry Thomas to object to purchase of KCS Property and terminate purchase agreement. The vote was unanimous.
2. The essays for the essay contest were rated on a scale from 1-5; five being the highest. 1st place was Michelle Lee, 2nd place was Quy Pham, and 3rd place Nacia Sassau.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR REQUESTED REPORTS

1. Amend Budget;
2. Recreation and Demolition Report from City;
3. NDC Report;
4. Security for building during meeting with right to retain people;
5. WEDA Presentation; and
6. Dikita Presentation.

X. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Keith Daws and seconded by Richard Wycoff. It was adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE 9th DAY OF January, 2007.



SECRETARY OF THE CORPORATION