

**Economic Development Corporation – 4A**  
**Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2023**

Meeting of the Bronte Economic Development Corporation 4A was called to order on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 5:34 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 114 S Washington St., Bronte, Tx. after joining EDC—4B for a joint meeting. Board Members present are Ryan Webb, Darla Chisholm, Cynthia Turner, and Katie Meeks. Also, present is Teresa Ballard, City Secretary.

The joint session ended at 6:52pm. After a five-minute break, 4A reconvened at 6:57pm.

**Regular Agenda**

A. Call to order, roll call, and Ryan Webb established a quorum.

B. Pledge of Allegiance led earlier by EDC—4B.

C. Prayer by EDC—4B

D. There were no public comments

Discussed sponsorship to Bronteoberfest 2023 and discussed related issues:

- Restoring Bronte wants downtown merchants to provide sponsorships, but the downtown merchants are not promoted.
- How to promote the downtown merchants during the festival
- Sales tax does not apply to vendors and food trucks since the location is outside of city limits.
- The Golf Course will charge for premium parking locations but parking at the park may be limited.
- Explore the possibility of providing a shuttle service in town to carry attendees from downtown to the park area.
  - Unless street legal, golf carts are not allowed on roads.
  - Bicycle porters
  - Shuttles should be vehicles.
  - No info currently about the cost of a shuttle service
- Music at the depot
- Other needs
  - Port-a-potties
  - Signage to promote downtown businesses.
  - Sponsorship for downtown businesses
- Should be about 77 cookoff teams (last year had 52 teams and make \$19,000 profit)
- Restoring Bronte requests a \$5000 contribution from 4A and 4B to help with expenses.
  - Requests for an accounting report/financial statement have gone unanswered.
  - Questions arise as to why they need money when they generate a profit.
  - Giving the courthouse \$35,000 for community center renovations
  - Planning to make significant renovations to community center to provide a venue/event center.
  - Agreed that Bronteoberfest is overall beneficial to the community.

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Katie Meeks made a motion for EDC A to donate \$5000 to Restoring Bronte Foundation for Bronteoberfest 2023, requesting that EDC be allowed to provide signage promoting Bronte's businesses to be displayed at a prominent location, and requesting \$2500 of the donation go to the unfilled main stage sponsorship. Cynthia Turner seconded motion. Ayes—All

Discussed tearing down dilapidated buildings.

- Owners are required to tear down.
- Restoring Bronte pays for raising costs when needed.
- Since 2019, about 15 houses were torn down.
- Procedure
  - The city sent a demand letter to tear down the building.
  - If no compliance, owners are informed that Restoring Bronte may help with costs.
- Restoring Bronte pays up to half the cost.
  - Has a contract for reduced cost for dumpsters?
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- If a city tears a building down, the bill is presented to the owners; if not paid, a lien can be placed to recover tear-down costs.
  - Time limit: 3 years if vacant; 5 years if inhabited.
- Agreed that EDC will provide funds on an "as needed" basis.

Darla Chisholm made a motion to donate \$1200 to Restoring Bronte Foundation to eliminate the deficit for tearing down houses in Bronte, seconded by Katie Meeks. Ayes—All

Cynthia Turner moved to approve the March 6, 2023, minutes, seconded by Darla Chisholm. Ayes—All

Darla Chisholm moved to approve the financials and Glenn-Bivens renewal notice Bond, seconded by Katie Meeks. Ayes—All

Katie Meeks reported on the Community baseball fields:

- Restoring Bronte will pay for the bleachers, so no action needed.
- A future project is to revamp and recondition the infield with composite clay.
- T-Ball draws out-of-town players and their families, with the potential to increase local merchant traffic.

Teresa reported that:

- City council provided a sales tax budget for upcoming year beginning in October of \$54,500
- Maturing CD will earn 2.5%.
- Teresa reported a need for signage at the cemetery to indicate burial locations. Also, mentioned a need for a pavilion to hold the ceremonies. EDC might consider future funding for cemetery projects. Teresa will research whether EDC can use Ag kids for these type projects.

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Discussed FY23-24 Budget requirements and made changes and adjustments.

Cynthia Turner moved to approve the FY 23-24 Budget, seconded by Darla Chisholm. Ayes—All

### **Open Discussion**


None

Next regular meeting is October 9, 2023, at 5:30pm.

Teresa will post the upcoming agenda for the next regular meeting as soon as she has the information.

Adjourned meeting at 8:34p.m.

  
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Secretary