

Bronte Economic Development Corporation – 4B

Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2023

The regular meeting of the Bronte Economic Development Corporation 4B was called to order at 4:00 pm in the Bronte City Hall Council Chambers, 114 S Washington, Bronte, TX. Present: Linda Scott, Brenda Hines, Gwen Dyess, Stacy Kelton, Deborah Bailey, Cyndi Carlton, Katie Meeks, and Teresa Ballard. Also in attendance were Andy Smith and Sheree Robertson.

President Linda Scott called meeting to order and established a quorum. Pledges to the American and Texas flags. Gwen Dyess led everyone in prayer. There were no public comments.

Loan Forgiveness Grant application for Longbranch Oak Creek, LLC. At this time EDC cannot approve this application as this is for a remodel of a building that will be leased and is not a business that will be collecting sales tax.

Open discussion. Sheree Robertson gave an update on The Coffee Table. They are hoping to have their grand opening on September 2.

Minutes of July 10, 2023, were presented. Cyndi Carlton moved to approve; Gwen Dyess seconded. All in favor.

June financials were presented. Gwen Dyess moved to approve June financials; Katie seconded. All in favor.

Consider bid purchasing lights to wrap trees at Bronte Depot for the holidays. Brenda Hines moved to approve Court Shaffer bid of \$1,725.00, Katie Meeks seconded. All in favor.

Update on Bronte Depot Restoration Project. Linda Scott said the BDRP has applied for a LCRA grant for \$50,000. The BDRP will have to match 20%. At present they have only \$4500.

The following have completed their Loan Forgiveness Grant Performance agreements: Farmhouse Divas – Tammy Royall, The Pink Cactus – Moriah Royall, Terlingua Trunk – Ashby (Ragsdale) Hoyt

Board members had a Budget workshop to discuss projects for the upcoming FY 2023-2024 budget. The board tabled the budget and will approve it at September's board meeting.

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Consider meeting with the Bronte Downtown Merchants Association to discuss downtown shopping during Bronteoberfest. Teresa Ballard will set up a meeting.

Joint meeting with EDC A for agenda items RBF Bronteoberfest and housing demolition. The joint meeting began at 5:34 pm.

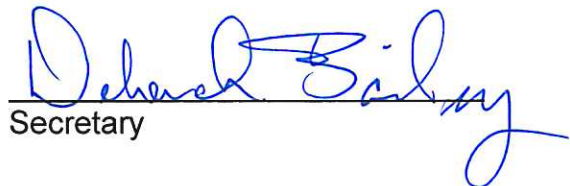
Consider sponsorship of Bronteoberfest 2023. Restoring Bronte Foundation is asking \$5,000.00 each from EDC A and EDC B. Restoring Bronte Foundation reports they have seventy-four cookoff teams entered this year. They will need more parking and are looking into parking in the downtown area and hiring a shuttle to move people between the downtown area and the park. EDC B would be interested in sponsoring this as well as portable restrooms on a trailer to park at the Depot as opposed to just giving money to Restoring Bronte Foundation. The B Board would like to have a sign made saying Courtesy of Bronte Merchants, Restaurants and Motel for the shuttle and restrooms. This was tabled until September when we have more information on shuttle and portable restrooms. Teresa Ballard will check on the availability and price of portable restrooms on a trailer. Restoring Bronte Foundation will follow up on shuttle availability and price.

Restoring Bronte Foundation is asking for \$25,000.00 for housing demolition. Half from A Board and half from B Board. B Board would like an accounting of money spent on demolition from the 2019 donation to present and consider giving RBF money on a case-by-case basis. The A Board will consider both RBF Bronteoberfest and housing demolition in their meeting.

BEDC B Board adjourned 6:52 pm.



President



Secretary