

MINUTES

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIVE OAK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
HELD AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER,
8001 SHIN OAK DRIVE, LIVE OAK, TEXAS 78233
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Mary M. Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was observed and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Board President Mary M. Dennis, present
Board Secretary Paras Arora, present
Council Director Bob Tullgren, present
Council Director Ed Cimics, present

STAFF

Anas Garfaoui, City Manager
Ron Ruthven, Assistant City Manager
Donna Lowder, EDC Manager
Michael Fratus, Police Chief
Linc Surber, Fire Chief
Mark Wagster, Director of Public Works
Edmond McNew, Assistant Director of Public Works
Leroy Kowalik, Director of Finance
Isa Gaytan, City Secretary
Clarissa, Rodriguez, EDC Attorney

ABSENT

Citizen Director Rod Streets
Citizen Director Angela Green
Board Vice President Cynthia Audelo

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No citizens to be heard.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – January 28, 2025 (Regular Meeting)
- B. Economic Development Corporation to approve an excused absence for Board members Paras Arora and Rod Streets for January 28, 2025, Economic Development Corporation meetings.
- C. Consider approving the cancellation of the June 24, 2025, regular meeting of the Economic Development Corporation.

Motion was made by Council Director Tullgren to approve the CONSENT AGENDA as presented; seconded by Council Director Cimics.

Vote FOR: Tullgren, Cimics, Arora, and Dennis: **PASSED 4/0**

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation, update, and possible discussion regarding the City Gateway Monuments located at RBFCU Headquarters and the TXDOT Triangle-Pat Booker (SH 218) – Mrs. D. Lowder

Mrs. Lowder provided a comprehensive presentation regarding the timeline and progress of the RBFCU & The Pat Booker Triangle monument projects:

- The RBFCU gateway monument was approved through an Easement Agreement between the City of Live Oak and RBFCU for the purpose of signage entering the City on January 11, 2023 under Resolution 2073 approved on December 12, 2023.
- The construction of the monument would include signage for RBFCU and signage for promoting Live Oak, mature trees, and landscaping within the property's detention/retention area.
- A fence shall be re-located inside and around the new monument for access to the monument for maintenance, repairs, and landscaping care.
- The LOEDC Board approved \$200,000
Construction began October 2024 by Abelar Inc

Pat Booker Triangle:

- This project included a Gateway Monument Agreement between the State of Texas and City of Live Oak approved on September 4, 2024, and funding under Ordinance #1658.
- TXDOT provided landscaping and pavers surrounding the entire space prior to commencing construction.
- 15 ft. - Freestanding monument that will include the City's swish with leaf on the sides, Topper is a 4- sided City seal, and City's name cutouts run along the sides of the structure. **(Foundation is rectangle instead of round and has been built up to be higher)**
- The monument will have LED backlighting on the sides and LED lights illuminating from the top behind the four-sided cut-out of the City's Seal with a protective/heat resistant velum so as not to impair drivers.
- The LOEDC Board approved \$200,000.
- Construction began May 2025 by Abelar Inc.
- **Remaining:** 50% of the sign limestone veneer façade, attach metal decorative logo pieces, install LED back and up-lighting, and replace TXDOT landscaping damaged by construction.
- Receive TXDOT approval and move forward with a maintenance agreement.

No motion necessary, presentation only.

7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

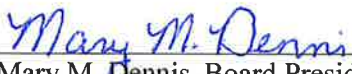
- A. EDC Members - City event information, upcoming ribbon cutting/grand opening dates and times, and special acknowledgements.
- B. STAFF - City event information, upcoming ribbon cutting/grand opening dates and times, and special acknowledgements.
- EDC Regular Meeting **CANCELLED – June 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**
 - 15th Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon – **July 9, 2025**

- SAVE THE DATE -15th Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon, **July 9, 2025**
- Park Drive was reopened to the public and the LOEDC will fund a portion of the parking lot upgrades.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** - Motion was made by Council Director Cimics to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.; seconded by Citizen Director Arora. **PASSED: 4/0**

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


Mary M. Dennis, Board President


Donna Lowder, EDC Manager