



PRA Minutes / Regular Meeting  
February 8, 2021 | 9:00 a.m.  
Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Boardroom

The Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority met in a regular meeting at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Boardroom on Monday, February 8, 2021. PRA met one week earlier than its regularly scheduled meeting and noticed this meeting as a Special Called as the regularly scheduled meeting fell on a city holiday. Dr. Hal Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and established a quorum with the following present:

Chairman, Hal Moore  
Board Member, Alice Walker  
Board Member, Alan Sudduth  
Board Member, Henry Fox

**Others Present:**

PRA Executive Director, Donovan Scruggs	Paige Roberts
PRA Attorney, Amy St Pe'	Carlene Alfonso
City Manager, Michael Silverman	Jerry St. Pe'
Revitalization Project Manager, Debra Strycker	

- All votes are unanimous unless a nay vote is indicated following the motion.

**A motion was made by Walker and seconded by Fox** to delay the construction start date of Phase IB of the Riverfront homes ninety (90) days from February 3, 2020 to May 3, 2021 with full expectation that construction will begin on said date. **All voted in favor.**

Next, the PRA discussed the landscaping maintenance plan for the riverfront area with Carlene Alfonso. **A motion was made by Sudduth and seconded by Fox** for the Executive Director, Donovan Scruggs, on behalf of the PRA, to negotiate up to \$2,625 for the landscaping/maintenance of the future innovation center site. Carlene Alfonso indicated she would cover the property owned by her. **All voted in favor.**

**Sudduth made a motion, which was seconded by Walker to amend the agenda to add discussion of the live riverfront incentive. No action was taken, but it was discussed that the Executive Director would review the current policy and bring back recommendations to the next Board meeting.**

Next, there was a discussion of the SWOT analysis included in the Feasibility Study prepared by USM. It was noted that the feasibility study was sought as it was needed in the PRA's application for the EDA Grant for the innovation center, **Sudduth made a motion and Walker seconded the Motion** to accept the SWOT analysis/Feasibility study and approve as written. **All voted in favor.**

Continuing with the discussion on the Feasibility Study and the EDA Grant, **Sudduth made a motion, seconded by Walker** to authorize Amy St. Pe, Debra Strycker and Donovan Scruggs to work with Lindsay Ward, SMPDD, to finalize the EDA grant applications and to notify the Board of any issues during the process. **All voted in favor .**

After discussion of the December financial report, **Fox made a motion, seconded by Walker** to receive the December financial statements with the request for the questions sent to the accounting firm on January 19, 2021 be answered prior to "accepting" the statements. **All voted in favor .** It was noted by that the January statements had not been received, and therefore, could not be reconciled at the time of the meeting.

Next on the agenda was the outstanding monthly invoices of the PRA. **A motion was made Fox and seconded by Walker** to approve the invoice of Amy St. Pe' in the amount of \$825; the invoice of Rankin & Associates in the amount of \$200; the invoice for Debra Strycker in the amount of \$5,000. **All voted in favor.**

Next, the PRA considered the live riverfront rental reimbursement request by Live Oak Inc. (aka Scranton's), a **Motion was made by Walker and seconded by Fox** to grant the reimbursement request of Live Oak, Inc. in the amount of \$4,800 for the live riverfront incentive program. **All voted in favor.**

PRA received a detailed downtown update from Donovan Scruggs, Debra Strycker and Paige Roberts from Orion Planning & Development's visit to the City. There was also discussion regarding the appearance of Anchor Square and whether it is cost effective to continue operating.

City Manager, Michael Silverman, provided an update on the GCRF funding and project request.

**Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, this motion was seconded by Sudduth. All voted in favor.**

**Sudduth made a motion to close the meeting to determine the need for executive session, this motion was seconded by Walker. All voted in favor.**

The Attorney advised that there needed to be a discussion on potential litigation related to the riverfront development and the discussion by Carlene Alfonso related to the delay granted by the PRA Board. Finding that such discussion qualifies as an executive session matter, **Walker made a motion to go into executive session, which was seconded by Sudduth. All voted in favor.**

**No action was taken during executive session.**

Walker made a motion to come out of executive session, **Sudduth** seconded the motion.

A motion was made by **Sudduth** and **Seconded by Walker** to adjourn the meeting.