



PRA Minutes / Special Called Meeting
April 21, 2021 | 12:00 p.m.
Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Boardroom

The Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority met in a special called meeting at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Boardroom on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. PRA met later than its regularly scheduled meeting given conflicts and the expiration of Chairman Hal Moore's term. PRA noticed this meeting as a Special Called. Dr. Hal Moore called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and established a quorum with the following present:

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

Others Present:

PRA Executive Director, Donovan Scruggs	Paige Roberts
PRA Attorney, Amy St Pe'	Laura Cooley
City Manager, Michael Silverman	Jerry St. Pe'
Revitalization Project Manager, Debra Strycker	Jason Poole
Ramsay Taylor	Shannon Strunk
Developers: Daniel J. Craven, Michael K. Craven and Blake May	

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

A motion was made by Estabrook and seconded by Fox to re-elect Dr. Hal Moore as Chairman of the PRA. All voted in favor.

Next, there was a presentation by Developers: Daniel J. Craven, Michael K Craven and Blake May (owners of Hotel Whiskey in Pass Christian) regarding a potential boutique hotel, mixed use development on the Brumfield Site in downtown Pascagoula. PRA expressed interest in the Development and requested more detailed renderings and projected costs and grant application/request be provided to PRA for further discussion. There was no action taken.

Next, Shannon Strunk, owner of City Centre, provided an update on the project and the potential for PRA receiving the grant funds from MDA and then loaning the funds to Strunk to spread out the tax liability over a period of years. If he received all grant funds in 2021, the tax liability would equal around 1.4 million. The interest only loan for the first five years would allow him to stretch the tax liability over multiple years and make the project feasible. No action was

taken but the PRA Attorney advised she had a conference call set up with MDA and the State Auditor's office, and Strunk's counsel with Butler Snow for Friday, April 23, 2021. Mrs. St. Pe' further reported that she would update the PRA Board at its Monday, April 26th meeting.

Sudduth made a motion, which was seconded by Fox to accept the amended Live Riverfront Policy and to have a complete copy sent to JCEDF. All voted in favor.

Next on the Agenda was discussion of the CDI grant applications and request for funds. After concluding that Mr. Poole meets all the conditions to participate in the Live Riverfront program, **Sudduth made a motion, seconded by Fox** to approve Jason Poole's Live Riverfront Rent Subsidy request for \$2,400 (\$400 x 6) for a 6 month period for his property located at 709 Delmas Avenue. All voted in favor.

In continuing the discussion with Mr. Poole, **Estabrook made a motion, seconded by Walker** to approve Jason Poole's CDI grant application for 535 Delmas Avenue (Plaza West) in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 or 15% of total project cost. This award is contingent on the availability of existing funds and if not available, shall be funded once the legislative award for 2022 is received. **All voted in favor.**

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 \$1,830, the invoice of Rankin & Associates in the amount of \$200; the invoice for Debra Stryker in the amount of \$5,000 and payment of invoice to Main Street for Orion Planning and Design in the amount of \$10,000. **All voted in favor.**

Continuing with CDI discussion, a **motion was made by Sudduth and seconded by Estabrook** to authorize reimbursement in the amount of \$23,000 (progress payment 2) to Fidelis as set forth in the CDI Agreement.

Henry Fox recused himself from the vote.

A motion was made by Estabrook and Seconded by Walker to approve the Resolution for the EDA grant application related to the Innovation Center. **All voted in favor.**

A motion was made by Sudduth and Seconded by Walker to recess the meeting until April 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.