

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING  
MISSION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MARCH 21, 2017            5:30 P.M.  
CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**PRESENT:**

S. David Deanda, Jr., President  
Jody Tittle, Vice President  
Richard Hernandez, Secretary  
Linda Requénez, Treasurer  
Catherine Garcia  
Councilman Ruben D. Plata served in the Mayor Position

**ABSENT:**

Pete Jaramillo

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Patricia Martinez, Valley Town Crier  
Raul Peña, Game Swipe  
Noe Peña, Game Swipe  
Robert H. Gonzalez, Texas Border Business  
Abraham Neave, Sweet Confetti  
Karen Villarreal, RGVision  
Steve Lopez, Cámara de Comercio Internacional  
Uiriolm Osuna, Revista Status (Periódico La Prensa)  
Leo Neave, JDG Jewelers  
Elizabeth Neave, JDG Jewelers  
David Avila, Geeks & Jocks

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Angie Vela, Finance Director  
Daniel Silva, COO  
Ezeiza Garcia, Assistant Finance Director  
Judy Vega, Executive Assistant  
Bertha Ramirez, Administrative Assistant  
David Gonzales, Accountant  
Diana McDonnel, CEED Receptionist  
Janette Molina, MEDC Receptionist  
Joel Garza, Director of Technology  
Tecló Garcia, Director of Strategic Planning  
& Education  
Cristina Garza, Program Director  
Shaine Mata, Facility Manager

**1. Call to order**

With a quorum being present President S. David Deanda called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2017**

There being no corrections or additions Linda Requenez moved for approval. Motion was seconded by Jody A. Tittle and approved 6-0.

**3. Approval of Financial Statements for February 2017.**

Accountant David Gonzales presented and recommended approval of the Financial Statement for February 2017.

There being no corrections or additions Councilman Ruben Plata moved for approval. Motion was seconded by Richard Hernandez and approved 6-0.

**4. Approval of Budget Amendment to FY 2016-2017 Budget: A retail project located at the North West corner of 2 Mile Line and Conway, Mission, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 over a period of two years.**

Finance Director Angie Vela presented and recommended approval of the budget amendment. CEO Alex Meade mentioned, during the public hearing in February, that this project was Tru Fit Athletic Club that was requesting assistance related to the extension of utilities. The business is next to Peter Piper Pizza on 2 Mile Line and Conway. The company will be paying for the extension of the utilities and we will reimburse them \$50,000 a year for two years. He is requesting approval of the budget amendment.

Richard Hernandez moved for approval of a Budget Amendment to FY 2016-2017 Budget: A retail project located at the north west corner of 2 Mile Line and Conway, Mission, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 over a period of two years. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ruben Plata and approved 6-0.

**5. Ruby Red Ventures Awards Presentation**

MEDC Program Director Cristina Garza introduced the winners for this round of Ruby Red Ventures. Three winners have been awarded small business funds. The first one is Game Swipe, founded by brothers Raul and Noe Peña, Game Swipe focuses on developing games and apps for smart phones and tablets. They were awarded \$12,500 and will receive six months of rent at the CEED building. The second winner is Sweet Confetti, owned by Abraham Neave. Sweet Confetti offers clients upscale party decorations. He will be awarded \$16,000. The third winner is Geeks and Jocks. Located on Conway, Geeks and Jocks sells comic books, collective items, and fan paraphernalia. Owner David Avila also hosts events at Geeks and Jocks such as trading card tournaments. He will be awarded \$14,000. COO Daniel Silva mentioned that the next round of competitions will be tougher since 36 small businesses have already registered to participate. The most there has been in the past has been 26. Participants thanked the Board for the awards and opportunity to participate.

**6. President's Comments**

None.

**7. Adjournment**

Linda Requenez moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Ruben D. Plata and approved 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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S. David Deanda, Jr., President

ATTEST:

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Richard Hernandez, Secretary