



**Rice Community Economic Development Corporation
RICE, TEXAS**

**Monday, June 12, 2023
6:00 PM
Rice City Hall
305 N. Dallas Street
Rice, TX 75155**

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Public Forum
5. Agenda Items
 - a. Question & Answers with Food Truck Owners
 - b. Discuss & Deliberate Plans for EDC Park
 - c. Review & Approve Financial Statements
 - d. Archa Update
 - e. Review EDC Grant Applications
 - f. Rolando Chapa - Car Show/Cornhole/Open House
 - g. Approve March Minutes
6. Adjourn



Item Title: Question & Answers with Food Truck Owners

Summary:

Questions about plans for Downtown Park re: what is important to Food Truck Owners in an outdoor venue.

Background:



Item Title: Discuss & Deliberate Plans for EDC Park

Summary:

- Electrical/Light Posts - Donated lights: (2'5" x 1'9") 22' H
- General Layout/walkways/sidewalks *must be ADA
- Ground treatment/materials
- Covered area: metal roof/frame, gazebo, sun sails

Keeping in mind we want to keep permanent improvements to a minimum for easy clearing in the future while making the park as multi-use as possible: including keeping “green spaces”, with consideration for accessibility, benefit to food truck owners, opportunities to host other events like 50th birthday parties, evening events/concerts, business parties, etc.

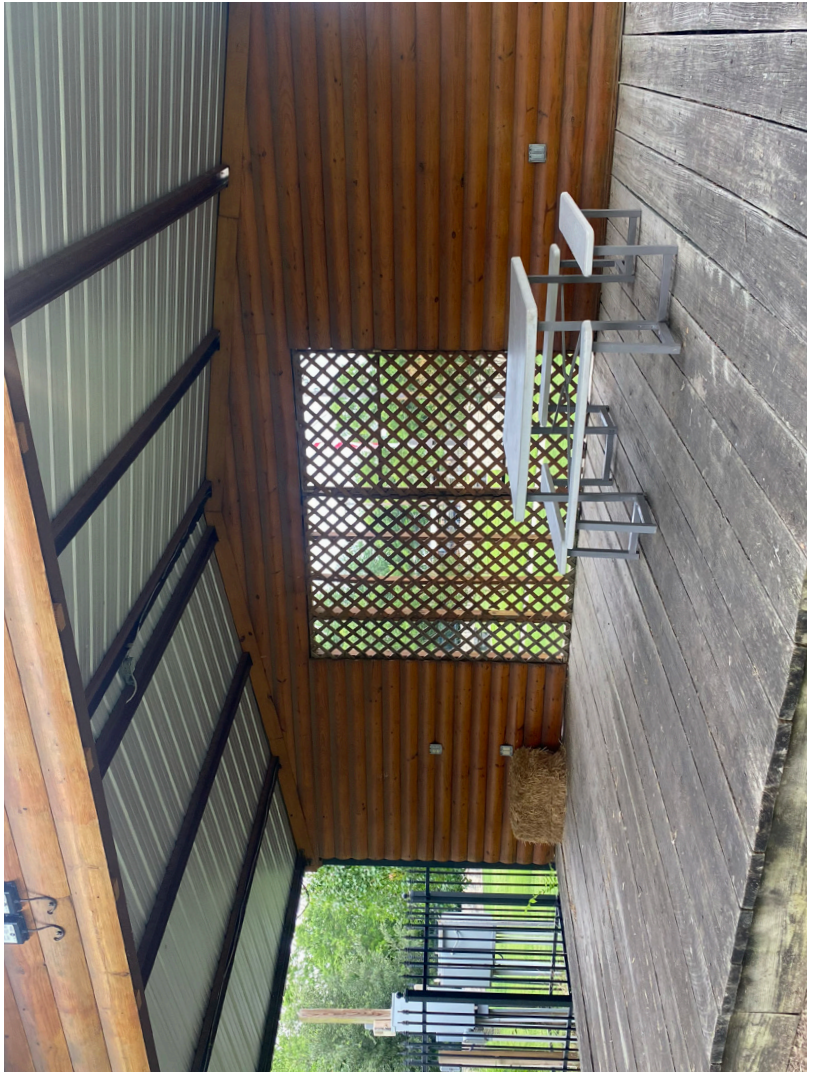
To keep this project moving and manageable, we will layout an overall view/objective for the project, and then discuss & vote in phases.

FOR EXAMPLE.

Project Overview: A downtown park to be used as a food truck space, and as a public green space during non-event times., that includes electricity, walkways, and covered area or areas,

- Phase 1: planning & installing lights & electricity
- Phase 2: installing walkways
- Phase 3: installing covered areas

Background:





Item Title: Review & Approve Financial Statements

Summary:

Background:



Item Title: Archa Updates

Summary:
Update on grants.

Background:



Item Title: Review EDC Grant Applications

Summary:
La Familia Grande

Background:



City of Rice, Texas

Business Assistance Grant Application

Applicant Name: Guadalupe Cervantes
 Business Name: La Gran Familia Mexican Food
 EIN (if applicable): _____
 Physical Address: 7355 NW CR 0150 Rice TX 75155
 Check to confirm that the business located within the city limits of Rice, Texas (required): YES NO
 Date Business Opened 02-04-2012

Contact Phone: 214-893-5304
 Contact Email: Cervantesg308@gmail.com
 Business Owner Name (if different from applicant): Guadalupe Cervantes
 Owners Mailing Address: 7355 NW CR 0150 Rice TX 75155
 Owners Home Address: 7355 NW CR 0150 Rice TX 75155
 Owners SSN: 639-05-7921
 Owners Driver's License: 10809252
 Owners Date of Birth: 07-12-1968
 Owners Phone: 214-893-5304
 Owners Email: cervantesg308@gmail.com

Required Documents:

1. Articles of Formation
2. State Sales Tax Certificate
3. DBA Documentation
4. IRS Form W-9

Describe your intended use of City of Rice Economic Development Corporation Business Assistance Grant funds.

Outline what steps you will take to pursue the public purpose of economic development (i.e., create jobs, enhance your facility, etc.). Recipients may be required to show documentation of spending in accordance with grant objectives. Failure to provide documentation within 90 days of receipt will void this grant, and all associated money will be required to be returned to the City of Rice.

a new sign, new food warmer, c' menu

Amount Requested (maximum allowed \$1,500.00): 1500.00



Item Title: Rolando Chapa - Car Show/Cornhole/Open House

Summary:

- Rolando to Use Downtown (down Dallas from Calhoun to Gilmer)for Car Show/Cornhole Even raise funds for the library (Sept/Oct)
 - * deliberate use of downtown
 - * deliberate possible sponsorship by EDC



Item Title: Approve March Minutes

Summary:

Background:



MINUTES
Rice Community Economic Development Corporation
Special Meeting
Monday, March 6, 2023
6:00 PM
Rice City Hall
305 N. Dallas Street
Rice, TX 75155

Item 1: Roll Call

James Franks: Call Meeting to Order 6:00 pm
Members Present: James Franks, Laura McGee, Garry Teague,
Brandi Solomon, Rolando Chapa
Jared Alsup (present after roll call)
Members Absent: Cody Barham
Non-members Present:
Archa Cassel, EDC Executive Coordinator

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance Led by All

Item 3: Invocation Prayer Led by Garry Teague

Item 4: Public Forum

Item 5: Agenda Items

- a. Archa Reviewed Grant Opportunities:
We discussed grant applications requirements specific to block grants and the grant for air conditioning/improvements for the gym.
*everyone submitted a letter to be used for grant applications
- b. Discuss Contractors for Projects
- We reviewed plan ideas, and discussed the use of concrete for the downtown park. We discussed moving forward to apply for the next available deadline (May). • We choose dates for our next events
- c. Discuss and Deliberate Dates for Next Mixer Networking Event
- We discussed having an annual Networking event, with an informative speaker or something that adds value to our business owner guests Sept. 23rd, and an annual Business Fair event, March 24th
- d. Discuss Website Hits & Q&A Form
- Review website traffic and make suggestions for questions on form.
- e. Approve Minutes
- Brandi Solomon made a motion to approve the minutes, Rolando Chapa 2nd the motion. Ayes: Laura McGee, Garry Teague, James Franks, Jared Alsup
Nays: None, Motion Passed

Item 6: Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Garry Teague, 2nd by Laura McGee

Ayes: James Franks, Jared Alsup, Rolando Chapa, Brandi Solomon

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Attest: _____ Date: _____
Secretary

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Administrator