

**St. John the Baptist Parish  
Economic Development Committee**  
Minutes of Monthly Meeting  
Monday, November 4, 2019

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:**

Robert Taylor  
Elizabeth Joseph  
James Oubre, Jr.  
Peggy Joseph  
Michelle Jenkins  
Kali Price

**Staff:**

LaVerne Toombs  
D'Neil Figuero  
Rene Pastorek

**Guests:**

Mala Taylor  
Shannon Smith-Magee  
Yasmine Magee  
Wayne Aucoin  
Dayna James  
Lester Mitchell  
Randall Triche  
Ronald Hill  
Ursula Anderson

**Absent:**

Tyler Lewis  
Evin Stein  
Kim Fontenot

**Call to Order**

Chairwoman Michelle Jenkins called meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Six (6) Committee members were present. Three (3) Absent - Quorum was met.

**Opening Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance**

Michelle Jenkins led prayer. James Oubre, Jr. led Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments** (2) Minutes – No Public Comments

**Adoption of Minutes from October 7th Meeting**

Motion from James Oubre, Jr. and seconded by Betty Joseph to adopt the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. The motion passed with 6 yeas and 3 absent (Tyler Lewis, Evin Stein and Kim Fontenot).

**Director's Report** – Laverne Toombs - see report

- Michelle Jenkins inquired about board members not receiving festival packets this year.
- Robert Taylor asked if anyone in the department visits any closing business.

**Old Business** – No old business

**New Business** – Rene Pastorek, Director of Planning & Zoning

- Mobile Food Truck Ordinance Presentation – see handout
- Guest Randall Triche made a comment in support of the idea.
- Motion to support the ordinance study by Betty Joseph, seconded by Peggy Joseph

**Community Partners' Update**

- **Entergy Louisiana** – absent
- **Louisiana Small Business Development Center** – Wayne Aucoin
  - Workshops
    - November 11 – 9am - 5pm (class filled)
      - QuickBooks
    - December 11 – 2pm - 4pm
      - Meet the Lenders
  - FastTrac graduation will take place in November
  - Website Development – working on a date for the future (after Thanksgiving).
- **Port of South Louisiana** – absent
- **River Parishes Community College (RPCC)** – absent

- **River Parish Tourist Commission (RPTC)** – absent
- **River Parishes Workforce Development** – absent
- **River Region Chamber of Commerce** – absent, but sent report, see attachment
- **South Central Planning & Development Commission** – absent
- **St. John Business Association** – absent
- **St. John the Baptist Parish School Board** – Shannon Smith-Magee
  - Superintendent transition period coming to a close (by end of November)
  - Student Credit Union is back up and running under the supervision of Total Choice at East St. John High School.
  - Hospitality & Tourism program in partnership with Delgado Community College.
    - Students learning Serve Safe credentials
    - Culinary Dept at ESJ & WSJ now has students catering small parties.
  - Medical Training (CNA & First Responders), Work keys Training, Carpentry

## **Announcements**

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Kali Price and seconded by Betty Joseph. Meeting was adjourned at 12:42pm.