



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF BOHOL
City of Tagbilaran



PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PDC-EXECOM) HELD ON MARCH 7, 2017 AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION, TAGBILARAN CITY, BOHOL

In Attendance:

Gov. Edgar M. Chatto, PDC Chair and Presiding Officer

and

Majority of the Members of the PDC-ExeCom

PDC-EXECOM RESOLUTION NO. 45-2017

A RESOLUTION FAVORABLY ENDORSING THE CONDUCT OF FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT LOT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORTES AS MEDICAL TOURISM ZONE, RETIREMENT ECOZONE AND MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ZONE TO APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR SUPPORT AND FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Province of Bohol has identified the establishment of Special Economic Zones in strategic areas as one of its development priorities to support its efforts for the province's agri-industrialization and sustained economic growth;

WHEREAS, the Bohol Provincial Development Council Executive Committee passed Resolution No. 16-2017 endorsing the proposed establishment of Special Economic Zones in strategic areas of the province, of which the Municipality of Cortes has been identified as suitable for medical tourism park/ center;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Bohol owns a 20.3095-hectare lot in Malayo Norte and Malayo Sur, Cortes, that is strategic for ecozone development with existing on-site and off-site infrastructure support of power and water supply, access roads with the national roads leading to interior towns and circumferential roads leading to major ports of Tagbilaran City, Loon and Tubigon. Such area is also proximate to the proposed Bohol Business Park, which will be located in the existing Tagbilaran City Airport that will be vacated once the Bohol Airport in Panglao Island will be operational in 2018;

WHEREAS, the site, considering its available land area, is proposed for economic zone development, specifically into a Medical Tourism, Retirement Ecozone Park and mixed use development intended for wellness, sports and recreational facilities and housing/ retirement village, that will catalyze the development of a high-quality and environmentally-sustaining economic zone of local and regional significance;

WHEREAS, a Medical Tourism Center/ Zone is an area developed into a complex or a stand-alone building capable of providing medical infrastructures and other support facilities, in compliance with DOH and DOT requirements, such as but not limited to medical accommodations, wellness centers, spa, health farms, sports and recreational facilities, and rehabilitation facilities. Meanwhile, the Retirement Ecozone Park must be equipped with amenities required by local and foreign retirees;

WHEREAS, in the existing site, a-5 hectare area will be allotted for the New Gov. Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital, a modern 500-bed capacity hospital, which will be the focal facility as a medical tourism center/ zone, while the 15 hectares is available for retirement zone, and mixed use zone for commercial development, wellness, sports and recreational facilities to complement the operation of the medical tourism zone;

WHEREAS, the proposed Cortes Medical Tourism Zone will be the first government-owned medical tourism economic zone, with only 2 existing operational Medical Tourism Parks/ Centers in the country, located in Batangas and the St. Luke's Medical Center Global City;

WHEREAS, this Body, after discussion on the potentials of the proposed site, recognized the foreseen benefits of ecozone development in stimulating further the economic growth in the Province of Bohol, thus, found it worthy to endorse the designation of the Provincial Government Lot in the Municipality of Cortes as a Medical Tourism, Retirement Zone and Mixed Use Development Zone and supports for the conduct of Feasibility Study to determine viability and establish necessary plans for development;

WHEREFORE, upon proper motion duly seconded, be it resolved by this Body in a meeting duly convened -

to favorably endorse the conduct of Feasibility Study and Designation of the Provincial Government of Bohol Lot in the Municipality of Cortes as Medical Tourism Center/Zone, Retirement Zone Park and Mixed Use Development Zone to appropriate government agencies for support and funding

RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish a copy of this resolution to all agencies concerned, for information, guidance and appropriate action.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.


ATTY. JOHN TITUS J. VISTAL
PPDC-Bohol
Head, PDC Secretariat

Approved: 

ATTY. EDGAR M. CHATTO
Governor
Chairman, PDC-Bohol