

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 (EXECOM) HELD ON JUNE 14, 2017 AT 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. 55-2017

A RESOLUTION FAVORABLY ENDORSING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-TOURISM SITE FOR TONTUNAN HEIGHTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARIN, BOHOL TO THE CENTRAL VISAYAS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RDC-VII) FOR INCLUSION IN THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM (RDIP), AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT), AND THE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (TIEZA) FOR SUPPORT AND FUNDING

WHEREAS, tourism has been identified as one of the economic drivers of the province of Bohol due to its amazing blend of natural wonders, cultural marvels, ecological endeavors and existence of heritage sites that made the Province a favorite destination for tourists;

WHEREAS, Clarin is one of the coastal towns of Bohol that is endowed with nature's gift of the sun, sea and mountains. One of the town's assets is a cliff, dubbed as the Tontunan Heights, located in barangay Tontunan where one's senses will be stimulated by the panoramic view of the town's landscape, the bountiful sea and its many islets, including Cebu City that may be visible during favorable conditions;

WHEREAS, Tontunan Heights has been blessed with the beauty of nature and the accessibility of its location makes the area a potential tourist attraction. Despite being undeveloped, it has been drawing local tourists and a daily number of passers-by stop to have their pictures taken or to just enjoy the serene view especially with the varied-hue of the sunset;

WHEREAS, with the proximity of Clarin town to the Tubigon Port, a major entry point to Bohol, and the foreseen increase in port calls of sea ferrying vessels in the municipal port of Clarin, a promising Countryside Tourism Circuit in the northern part of Bohol will be viable attraction once the Tontunan Heights will be developed;

WHEREAS, the proposed project is in congruence with the Bohol Tourism Office's thrust of promoting other potential ecological tourism sites in the Province in consonance with its tagline "Behold...BOHOL" and overall tourism development program;

WHEREAS, the project is foreseen to improve the general well-being of the local populace through the development of ecological tourism industry in the locality, conservation of the natural resources, upgrading of existing / installation of new facilities and creation of jobs;

WHEREAS, the total project cost amounts to P5.5 million, with details as follows: Clearing of Walkways and Trails - P.250 M; Infrastructure and Cottages - P4.0 M; Capability Building - P.500 M; and Improvement of Area - P.750 M;

WHEREAS, the project is proposed for funding through counterparting scheme between the National Government and the Local Government Units (Provincial, Municipal and Barangay) and other funding agencies and donors;

WHEREAS, this Body, after discussions on the project potentials, recognized its foreseen impacts on the tourism industry and economic stability of the municipality, thus, found this project worthy of favorable endorsement;

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

To favorably endorse the Proposed Development of Eco Tourism Site of Tontunan Heights in the Municipality of Clarin, Bohol to the Regional Development Council of Region VII (RDC-7) for inclusion in the Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) 2017-2022, and to the Department of Tourism (DOT), and the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) for support and approval.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Regional Development Council of Region VII (RDC-7), the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), and to the Department of Tourism (DOT).

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

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Approved:

Governor

Chairman, PDC-Bohol