

## 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 JULY 19, 2018 AT GOVERNOR'S MANSION, TAGBILARAN CITY, BOHOL, PHILIPPINES

In Attendance:

Gov. Edgar M. Chatto......Chairman, Presiding Officer and
Majority of the Members of the PDC Executive Committee

## PDC EXECOM RESOLUTION NO. 42 - 2018

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (TIEZA) TO PROVIDE FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR NEW CHOCOLATE HILLS COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL

WHEREAS, the Chocolate Hills, one of the most impressive natural landforms in the country with about 1,776 hills spread over an area of more than 50 square kilometers (20 square miles), is considered a National Geologic Monument located in Barangay Buenos Aires, Carmen, Bohol, and is a signature landmark that popularized the Province of Bohol the world over:

WHEREAS, the 7.2-Magnitude Great Bohol Earthquake of October 15, 2013 destroyed Bohol's most famous tourist spot's viewing deck and other structures at the Complex, which sustained major damages from the quake;

WHEREAS, the objectives of the proposed New Chocolate Hills Complex Construction Project are the following: to provide tourists and visitors of Bohol, particularly at the Chocolate Hills Complex, with a tourism facility that meets generally accepted tourism industry standards; to establish and construct structures and facilities making the Complex resilient to natural hazards such as earthquake, and landslides; to introduce new and improved facilities that can help attract more tourists in the area, providing opportunities for the Provincial Government of Bohol (PGBh) and the Municipal Government of Carmen (MGC) to earn revenues from the operation of the Complex; and to help sustain Bohol's tourism industry and in the preservation of its natural resources;

WHEREAS, the proposed project is aligned with the National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP) 2016-2022 vision to develop a highly competitive, environmentally sustainable and socially responsible tourism that promotes inclusive growth through employment generation and equitable distribution of income;

WHEREAS, the project falls under the Restoration project classification of the project D.R.E.A.M.S. of the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA);

WHEREAS, TIEZA is mandated to develop, manage and supervise tourism infrastructure projects all over the country pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593;

WHEREAS, the total project cost amounts to P197.931 million, including the concreting of pathways, parking and water features, trellis works, construction of stair, ramp, viewing deck, food court, museum and activity center, including painting, lamp post, signages and landscaping works;

WHEREAS, the PGBh considers the Chocolate Hills as the most visited and iconic tourism spot in the province; hence, rehabilitating its facilities, which is essential to improve the signature landmark of Bohol in conformity with international standards, will further boost the local economy and sustain the tourism industry in Bohol, the Region and the Philippines as a whole;

**WHEREAS**, this Body, after discussion on the potentials of the proposed project, recognized the foreseen impacts to boost not just the tourism industry but the economic stability of the province, thus, found it worthy of favorable endorsement the proposed construction of the new Chocolate Hills Complex;

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

to request the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) to provide funding assistance for the New Chocolate Hills Complex Construction Project at Municipality of Carmen, Province of Bohol

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copy of this resolution be provided to TIEZA, the Department of Tourism (DOT), Region VII and other agencies concerned, for information, guidance and appropriate action.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

ENGR. RONILITA M. BUNADO, C.E.

OIC, PPDC - Bohol Head, PDC Secretariat

Approved:

ATTY. EDGAR M. CHATTO

Governor