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MAIN STREET HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010, 4:00 P.M. MAIN STREET/HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 311 EAST PARK AVENUE FREEPORT, TEXAS 77541

PRESENT:

Pixie Floyd Sandra Barbree Sandra Leavey Lila Lloyd Marjorie Clark Nat Hickey

Josh Pettijohn

Sandra Wood-Wicke

ABSENT:

Lance Olshovsky

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Pixie Floyd called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

1. VISITORS

Stephanie Brown with Spectacular Moments in Time, Party Decorator for the Main Street Pirates on the Brazos Mardi Gras Event and James Blaylock with Twisters (providing Bar for event) were visitors in attendance at meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sandra Leavey made motion to accept minutes for December 17, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Sandra Barbree. Motion approved.

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments.

4. UPDATE MARDI-GRAS EVENT

Update was provided. Michelle will do 100 desserts. Intercoastal Pirates band will be paid \$750 and play from 8 to 12 and Edmund Baker will be paid \$200 and play from 6 to 8 pm. An attendance of 160 is proposed at a cost of \$10.99 per person totaling \$1,760 to be paid to SandiJo's for catering. Josh will work on making tickets. Pirate ship moles /cannons/etc. will be used to make cake decorations. It was noted that last year Veola donated \$1,500. Sandra Leavey made motion with second by Sandra Wood-Wicke to accept proposal totaling for \$1,272.62 for Spectacular Moments in Time to decorate for Mardi Gras event. Motion approved.

5. REMINDER OF WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, JANUARY 16,2010 (BRING FOOD)

Sandra Leavey made motion with second by Sandra Wood-Wicke to table workshop. Motion approved. Workshop cancelled.

6. SET TIME, DATE, AND LOCATION FOR NEXT PLANNING MEETING

Time--- 4:00 p.m.
Date--- 1-20-2010
Location--- City Hall Conference Room

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

No report

8. OTHER

Main Street Director, Gilbert Arispe stated that he would not be able to go to Main Street Convention, Wednesday the 20th thru the 22nd to be held in Georgetown. He stated that the would be another meeting to be held on February 17th in Waxachie that he could possible go to.

It was also mentioned that the Fire Dept. is providing the H1N1 vaccination at 4:00 on the 21st at the Municipal Park.

9. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Sandra Leavey with second by Sandra Wood-Wicke. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie L. Clark, Secretary

MAIN STREET HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009, 5:00 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM, 200 W. SECOND STREET FREEPORT, TEXAS 77541

PRESENT:

Pixie Floyd

Sandra Leavey

Marjorie Clark

Lila Lloyd

Nat Hickey

Josh Pettijohn

Sandra Wood-Wicke

ABSENT:

Sandra Barbree

Lance Olshovsky

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Pixie Floyd called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

1. VISITORS

City Manager Jeff Pynes and Grady Pennington were in attendance at meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nat Hickey made motion to accept minutes for September 17, 2009 and October 1, 2009 as presented. Motion was seconded by Sandra Leavey. Motion approved.

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

4. FEEDBACK ON MEETING WITH CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jeff Pynes stated the permits for the signs are still pending with TxDOT and that soon as city receives the permits, signs will be erected.

DISCUSSION OF BUDGET

Proceeds to the Summertime Blues Festival from On the Run the group that held the triathlon event was received by check for over \$2,000 as our portion of the proceeds. Funds were deposited into the Donated Funds account with the city.

6. DISCUSSION GRANT APPLICATIAONS

Sign Grant-KC Co.

This business is a resale shop. Lynn spent \$553.82 on her sign. Lynn is requesting a matching sign grant up to \$250.00.

Sign Grant -Tammy's Tavern

This business is a tavern owned by Tammy Davis. She has spent \$300 for her sign. She is requesting a \$150.00 matching grant.

Roof & Paint Grant - Marjorie Clark

This building is the old post office on Broad Street. It is currently being renovated. Marjorie has spent \$8500 for new roof and paint. Marjorie is requesting a matching roof grant for \$500.00 and a matching paint grant for \$200.00.

7. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF GRANTS

Motion was made by Sandra Leavey and seconded by Sandra Wood-Wicke that we approve a \$250.00 sign grant for KC Co. Motion unanimously approved by those present.

Motion was made by Sandra Leavey and seconded by Josh Pettijohn that we approve a \$150.00 sign grant for Tammy's Tavern. Motion unanimously approved by those present.

Motion was made by Sandra Leavey and seconded by Sandra Wood-Wicke that we approve a \$500.00 roof grant and a \$200.00 paint grant for Marjorie Clark. Motion approved by those present. Marjorie Clark abstained from voting.

8. BLUES FESTIVAL VENDOR UPDATE

Discussion was held in regards to vendors who did not pay their fee. Sandra Leavey reported there were two and these vendors are to be billed.

It was stated someone had called inquiring as to whether we would hold the Blues Festival next year. Mr. Pynes stated we would. A call will be given to the individual inquiring to let him know we will hold festival.

Date for festival was set for September 3, 4, and 5th, 2010. Sign on side of Theriot building will be redone to reflect this date.

Mr. Pynes stated the lighting for the event was bad and suggested the Main Street Board submit a recommendation to upgrade the lighting for this area. Mr. Pynes stated he would look to find funding for this upgrade. Sandra Leavey stated they had worked on a plan and would see if she could find their workpapers. Discussion was held in regards to the generators used and Sandra said when they redid the electrical for the park it was originally designed to eliminate the generators. She said it was originally designed for the vendors to use outlets in the park. Sandra said it was not done because of costs involved. Keith Stumbaugh an electrical engineer and Scott, city's electrician, both worked on this project.

Josh Pettijohn and Sandra Wood-Wicke will work on thank you notes for those who gave of their time, money, and services for the event.

9. DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE IN SUNDAY OCT. 4, 2009 THE FACTS REGARDING 4 VENDORS

Discussion was held concerning article in The Facts discussing vendors who wanted their vendor fee refunded due to the problem with generator emitting fumes. The generator was replaced. The board only knew of one vendor, Mr. Shaffer who complained. He was told he could move into any open space at the event. However, he chose not to move and just closed his booth. There were other vendors who did move into available open spaces.

It was mentioned Gilbert has names of vendors who may need to be refunded. We will need to contact him to get names and then try to contact any of these to see if they wanted their fee refunded.

10. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF REPAYMENT OF BOOTH FEES FROM THE BLUES FESTIVAL

Sandra Leavey made motion with second by Josh Pettijohn that we refund Mr. Shaffer his \$75.00 vendor fee. Motion approved. Pixie Floyd opposed.

Josh also mentioned that we may need to revise our vendor notice in a manner that we have a non-refundable clause in it stating that we allow vendors to move should there be a problem with their location. If they decline the move their fee will not be refunded.

11. DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION MEETING IN TYLER

The Texas Downtown Association's conference in Tyler on November 3rd thru the 6th was discussed. Registration is \$275 person with additional costs to attend other events bringing costs to around \$490 each person. The estimated costs for 4 to attend conference will be around \$1900,

12. CONSIDERATION OF REGISTRATION FOR DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION MEETING

It was decided that up to 4 member of the board may attend the Texas Downtown Association's conference in Tyler on November 3^{rd} thru the 6^{th} .

13. SET WORKSHOP DATE

Tabled

14. DISCUSSION OF REQUESTING A SIGN TO BE POSTED WITH RULES FOR THE NEW MEMORIAL PARK FOUNTAIN

Mr. Pynes told board that sign was already being worked on by Larry and would soon be in place at park.

15. DISCUSSION OF HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT

Nat Hickey told board that every piece of property has been identified and that he has a notebook containing up-to-date pictures of each piece of property.

It was discussed that original opposition was due to property owners being concerned as to how restrictive it would be. Mr. Pynes stated that he would help to foster to get it done.

Historic Overlay District Committee was established consisting of Nat Hickey, Marjorie Clark, Sandra Leavey with Mr. Pynes' advise and input to accomplish this task.

16. DISCUSSION OF MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER

Sandra Leavey stated that she has people who will denote things. She stated that we still need to find a bank. Josh Pettijohn mentioned about getting the Intercoastal Pirates. The event will be held on a Friday evening in February. Sandra also stated that the River House has already been reserved for this event.

17. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Design

No Report.

B. Economic Restructuring

No Report.

C. Organization:

No Report.

D. Promotion

No Report.

E. Historical

Nat Hickey reported they are trying to get volunteers to have the museum opened on weekends. It was also reported that we will have a computer, printer, phone and file cabinets in the Main Street/Museum office.

18. SET, TIME, PLACE AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting was set for Tuesday, November 10th at 5:00 p.m. to be held in the Main Street/Museum building.

19. DISCUSS ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Josh Pettijohn asked that we discuss at next meeting having a day/time for Family Time at the Summertime Blues Festival such as a Thursday.

20. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mariorie L. Clark

Secretary

MAIN STREET HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009, 5:00 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM, 200 W. SECOND STREET FREEPORT, TEXAS 77541

PRESENT:

Pixie Floyd

Sandra Leavey

Marjorie Clark

Sandra Barbree Josh Pettijohn

Lila Lloyd

Sandra Wood-Wicke Nat Hickey

ABSENT:

Lance Olshovsky

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Pixie Floyd called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

VISITORS

Grady Pennington and Jeff Pynes

MINUTES

No minutes presented

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

DISCUSSION WITH JEFF PYNES, CITY MANAGER

City Manager, Jeff Pynes addressed the Main Street/Historical Museum board. He brought up an idea of having a fundraiser for the museum -- "Night at the Museum" and about having a "Movie Night Out". He said that Best Buy would provide 100% of the funding and it could possibly be held at the Amphitheater.

Mr. Pynes also stated that the signs for Main Street which have been in storage for a long time will be permanently put in place on 4th and the east side of 1495.

He said that he is working towards getting a \$7MM grant from HGAC to redo the sidewalks citywide.

Mr. Pynes also discussed the condition of various buildings in the Main Street district and he said that the city is working towards notifying property owners whose buildings are not up to code.

Another program he mentioned is looking at doing is a gateway program for the Main Street area.

Discussion was also held in regards to having a Festival-Texas which focuses on Texas music, Texas Art, and Texas wines.

Mr. Pynes said that Gilbert Arispe will coordinate staff and work with the Main Street Program. Discussion with board was held in regards to Gilbert being the liaison and that he will act as the Main Street Director on a part time basis so that we can keep our Main Street status. Sandra Leavey mentioned the report that is due on a monthly basis and said that she would work with Gilbert in its preparation.

Various members of the board mentioned the importance of attending the Texas Downtown Association conference and wanted to find out if funds would be available for several members to attend. A review of budget will need to be made to see if funds were allocated and if not, Mr. Pynes stated for someone to come and discuss with him and he would see if funds could be funded for this conference

Mr. Pynes also mentioned the importance of us working on establishing a Historic Overlay district. In conclusion, Mr. Pynes said that positive ideas are needed and that he is available and will work with the board to find available funds when needed.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING MUSEUM PROJECT

City employees along with Nat Hickey worked on the Museum to finish getting it ready for opening. Other contributors to museum were Best Buy on video equipment, Bottom Dollar Carpet on carpet, and Special Place in Lake Jackson.

All records for Main Street are now in the Museum. Files, computer, and phone line will be set up. Beverly Nixon will be putting Chuck Wagon in museum for display. We will need to work on hours of operation and who will be available during times opened. Tours will be available on an appointment basis.

SET TIME, PLACE AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting was set for October 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to be held in Museum.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary

MAIN STREET HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009, 5:00 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM, 200 W. SECOND STREET FREEPORT, TEXAS 77541

PRESENT:

Pixie Floyd Lila Lloyd

Sandra Leavey Sandra Wood-Wicke Nat Hickey

Marjorie Clark

Sandra Barbree Lance Olshovsky

ABSENT:

Josh Pettijohn

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice President Pixie Floyd called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

VISITORS

None

MINUTES

No minutes presented

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

POST BLUES FESTIVAL FOLLOW UP

Discussion was held regarding the Summertime Blues Festival. Everyone felt that it went well, that attendance was very good, and several vendors stated that they did very well during event. It was discussed that we did have problems with one power generator which had to be replaced due to it emitting furnes. One vendor complained about it and he was told he could move to another available open space in the park. He did not accept this and decided to just close up his booth. There were other vendors in this same area that did move to other locations. The triathlon was also a success. We had approximately 260 participants. Overall the event was very successful. It was mentioned that a lot of teamwork and effort was provided which made everything go so well.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING MUSEUM PROJECT

Mr. Hickey gave update on Museum project. Everyone is working hard to get it finished and it is really coming together for opening. Museum's unveiling and the opening of our new water park will be held September 26th. from 12:00 til 2:00 p.m. Hot dogs, drinks, and snow cones will be provided.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING MARDI GRAS PLANNING

Tabled

CONSIDERATION OF SETTING A DATE FOR A RETREAT TO COMPILE THE 2010 WORK PLAN

Tabled

INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Josh Pettijohn was welcomed as new board member.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Pixie Floyd was nominated for President by Sandra Leavey and seconded by Marjorie Clark. No other nominations, Pixie was elected by acclamation.

Sandra Leavey was nominated for Vice President by Marjorie Clark and seconded by Sandra Wood-Wicke. No other nominations, Sandra Leavey was elected by acclamation.

Marjorie Clark was nominated for Secretary by Sandra Leavey and seconded by Sandra Barbree. No other nominations, Marjorie was elected by acclamation.

REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Tabled

CONSIDER CHANGING VENUE OF MAIN STREET HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Discussion was held that we hold meetings on various occasions at the Museum as well as continue having some in Conference Room where we now hold them. Everyone approved of the idea.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

All reports were tabled.

SET TIME, PLACE AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting was set for Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to be held in Museum.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Marjorie L. Clark
Secretary