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Main Street Historical Advisory Commission  
Minutes for Wednesday, August 3, 2011 4:00 P.M.  
Freeport Historical Museum, 311 East Park Ave., Freeport, TX 77541  
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Members:

Marjorie Clark, Secretary/Treasurer  
Pixie Floyd  
Nat Hickey  
Marty DeLeon  
Lalo Garcia

Sandra Loeza  
Charles Hawkins  
George Elizondo  
Cliff Shimek

Gilbert Arispe, Main Street Director

**OPEN MEETING**

Meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Secretary/Treasurer, Marjorie Clark

Members present:

Marjorie Clark, Pixie Floyd, Nat Hickey, Marty DeLeon, Lalo Garcia, Sandra Loeza, George Elizondo, and Cliff Shimek

Members absent:

Charles Hawkins

1. Recognize Visitors  
Visitors in attendance were Melanie Oldham, Nicole Mirales-Freeport Councilwoman, Stephanie Brown and Silvia Hendrix.
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Sandra Loeza made motion with second by Marty DeLeon that the June 29th minutes be approved as presented. Motion approved by all present.
3. Citizen's comments  
Nicole Mireles told board members that they now own the Summertime Blues Festival as she presented board with the DBA paper that she filed this with the County Clerk's office. A receipt for \$16.00 paid by her was also presented.
4. Introduction of New Board Members
  - a. Charles Hawkins was absent.
  - b. Lalo Garcia, George Elizondo, and Cliff Shimek all gave a brief summary about themselves and why they wanted to join Main Street Board.
5. Review and discuss Main Street By-Laws  
A copy of By-Laws was given to each board member for their review. It was discussed that for any board member to hold officer position that they must be on board for at least one year. George Elizondo made motion with second by Nat Hickey that we waive the one year requirement for this year's election due to so many new members on board. Motion approved by all present.
6. Election of Officers  
Nat Hickey made motion that we elect a slate of officers being Marjorie Clark as President, Marty DeLeon as Vice President, and Sandra Loeza as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion was seconded by George Elizondo. Motion approved by all present.
7. Discussion of Summertime Blues Fest and action if needed.
  - a. Report of VFW Meeting attended.  
Marjorie Clark and Stephanie Brown provided update of upcoming STB Festival to board. Stephanie Brown reported that event is going well. There has been a lot of interest from many with a lot of advertising being done.

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We now have 75 vendors and unable to accept any more. Campsite for overnighers will be available. We need to know the names of volunteers so that wrist bands can be provided. These wristbands will not allow volunteers into the band area. If they wish to go there then they will have to pay \$5.00 to get into this part of event. Marjorie Clark discussed progress and planning being done for event. Everyone is working hard to make this the biggest festival ever.

b. **Coke Booth**

Gilbert discussed coke booth. He mentioned that we need volunteers. He said that we will have a large white tent and a pop-up ticket for event. One area will be set up to sell Tickets and the other area set up for the drinks. A motion was made by Lalo Garcia with second by Pixie Floyd that we initially allocate \$1,000 towards the purchase of drinks. Motion approved by all present. Cliff Shimek is working with Baywood Food for us to purchase the drinks from them. It was also discussed that we purchase the small metal cattle troughs for drinks.

8. **Discussion on Summertime Blues Triathlon and action if needed.**

Gilbert discussed triathlon. Will be meeting with On The Run people who will be coordinating event. Each participant will be getting four (4) wristbands for the breakfast. Gilbert stated that he is getting medals and t-shirts. Also will have to get with TXDOT in regards to highway department notification of event. A motion was made by Marty DeLeon with second by Lalo Garcia to provide \$800 for food to be purchased by Sandi Jo's and prepared by Sandra Barbree for Triathlon breakfast. George Elizondo questioned whether this would be a conflict for Sandra to do this even if she is doing this as a volunteer. Discussion was held but no clear decision was reached. Vote was taken with George Elizondo and Marjorie Clark voting against motion and others present voting approval as presented. Motion approved.

9. **Discussion of Main Street Financial Report & Budget**

Gilbert reported that City is still inputting prior information due to computer failure and that as soon as they have it inputted we can obtain copy of both the Special Projects account as well as the Donated Funds account.

10. **Discussion of purchasing laptop computer and action if needed.**

Discussion was held in regards to purchasing a laptop for Main Street Board secretary. A motion was made by Sandra Loeza with second by Nat Hickey that we purchase a laptop computer with recorder and web cam not to exceed the \$600 that we have in our technology budget. Motion approved by all present.

11. **Committee Reports**

A. **Design – Lalo Garcia has asked to head design committee.**

1. **Downtown Beautification Project**  
No Report.

B. **Economic Restructuring-Marjorie**

1. **Historic Overlay District**

Nat Hickey and Marjorie Clark are working on this committee. Nat gave an overview of the number of vacant buildings, number of residences, and number of churches in the Main Street District. Committee continues to work on getting historic overlay district established.

C. **Organization-Sandra Loeza**

No report. Sandra Loeza is working to get more information on what is needed to fulfill the duties on the organization committee.

D. **Promotion- Marty Deleon**

No report. It was mentioned that we look again at having Rock the River, Beach Bash, and possibly do a crawfish cookoff along with some other events for our upcoming year.

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E. *Historical-Nat, Lila, Silvia*

*Silvia said that they held a committee meeting that was attended by Pixie and Lila. They discussed African American exhibit, Lighthouse now complete, looking at getting kiosk for expansion area and other items. Silvia also mentioned that they have 2 new volunteers.*

8. *Discussion of items for next agenda*

*Bike Ride sponsoring Blg Love Cancer to be held Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. Vision for Summertimes Blues. Freeport's Centennial anniversary next year.*

9. *Adjourn*

*Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.*

*Prepared by Marjorie L. Clark for Sandra Loeza, Secretary/Treasurer*

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**President**