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Main Street Historical Advisory Commission
Minutes for Thursday, October 13, 2011 5:00 P.M.
Freeport Historical Museum, 311 East Park Ave., Freeport, TX 77541

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Members:

Marjorie Clark, President
Marty DeLeon, Vice President
Sandra Loeza, Secretary/Treasurer
Pixie Floyd

Lalo Garcia
Charles Hawkins
Nat Hickey

Council Liaison---Sandra Barbree
Gilbert Arispe- Main Street Director

OPEN MEETING

Call Meeting to order

Members present were Marjorie Clark, Marty DeLeon, Pixie Floyd, Nat Hickey.

Members absent were Sandra Loeza, Lalo Garcia, Charles Hawkins, Gilbert Arispe, Main Street Director, and Sandra Barbree, Council Liaison.

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. *Recognize Visitors*

Guests were, Mike Jones, Kenny Kouches, Melanie Oldham, and Silvia Hendrix.

2. *Approval of previous meeting minutes*

No minutes presented—item to be re-agenda.

3. *Citizen's comments*

Melainie Oldham owner of Park Avenue Boutique & Gifts said that she was able to sell merchandise during Summertimes Blues Festival but have not sold much since. She said that these events help businesses and would like to see more take place. She said that she would like to see something going on in area every other month, if possible. She was also wondering if there would be "An Old Fashion Christmas Downtown".

4. *Additional discussion on Haunted House project and action if needed--Gilbert*

a. *Approval for expense involved for Main Street's area in Haunted House*

Discussion was held in that Board did not approve participating in Haunted House and that any expenses incurred had not had prior approval. It was mentioned that request for re-imbursement for something that had not been previously approved was not good as it could set a precedence of someone doing it again. No Action taken since no motion was made.

Nat Hickey stated that he would personally donate \$100 for expenses incurred by Main Street members participating in area designated for Main Street Haunted House participation. Receipts for reimbursement must be submitted.

b. *Coke sales at Haunted House—volunteers*

Discussion was held that we sell cokes even though no one would be able to sell them at this week's event. Several board members have volunteered to man booth for the other weekends for this event.

5. *Discussion and review of Financial Reports and action if needed*

No Report.

6. *Update of Summertime Blues Festival Planning of event -- Gilbert*

Kenny Kouches, owner of Scotties, spoke in regards to the fact that he has heard that they will be fenced out of the Summertimes Blues event. He stated that their business is part of the Main Street area and that it should not be excluded from event. He was told that this is not true at this point in time and that we have not completed the plan for layout of the event. Marjorie Clark told them that this business is an integral part of the Main Street district and

that she too does not agree with them being left out. Marty DeLeon, chairman of event, told Mr. Kouches that he would come by to discuss this with him.

7. *Meet and Introduction of prospective board members*

Introductions were given by new prospective board members, Denise Harper and Iwest Strambler, III.

Pixie Floyd began discussion that Denise Harper, who lives in Lake Jackson, was not eligible to be member due to her not living here or having a business here. Denise had a business in Main Street area, was previously on Main Street Board, and would now like to again be a member of board. Discussion followed with Nat Hickey making motion and second by Pixie Floyd that board recommends approval of these two applicants to Main Street Board and that the board waive qualification as stated in Article 3 of By-Laws under Qualification for Denise Harper. Motion approved by all present. Board, therefore, makes recommended that these individuals be made members.

8. *Committee Reports*

a. *Design – Lalo Garcia, Pixie Floyd*

i. *No Report*

b. *Economic Restructuring-Marjorie Clark, Nat Hickey*

i. *No Report*

c. *Organization-Sandra Loeza, Charles Hawkins. Silvia Hendrix*

i. *It was discussed that we keep track of volunteer hours.*

d. *Promotion- Marty DeLeon, Lalo Garcia*

Marty DeLeon discussed the planning that was going on for the Summertimes Blues Festival.

e. *Historical-Nat Hickey, Lila Lloyd, Silvia Hendrix*

i. *Silvia Hendrix discussed some on-going events at the museum that were being planned. She stated, however, that they do not have an advertising budget. Also, a new schedule will be put in place for when the museum will be open.*

12. *Discussion of items for next agenda*

Update on Festival

Financial Report

13. *Adjourn*

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by Marjorie L. Clark for Sandra Loeza, Secretary

Marjorie L. Clark

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