
MAIN STREET HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008
CONFERENCE ROOM, 200 W. SECOND STREET, FREEPORT TEXAS 77541

Members in attendance:

DR. JAN GOINES *President*, PIXIE FLOYD *Vice president*, SANDRA BARBREE *Secretary*

MARJORIE CLARK, SANDRA LEAVEY, NAT HICKEY

OPEN MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm

- 1 Visitors were recognized – Gilbert Arispe.
- 2 Minutes from the August 2008 meeting were approved
- 3 Discussion/presentation regarding Open Meetings requirements page 16 of the Texas Guide to Open meetings minutes must be taped or written formats. (Nat) By city statute the minutes must be written. Sandra Barbree agreed to write the minutes. Margie Clark suggested that a CD format will better accommodate any future open meetings request.
- 4 Citizens' comments – None. There was a discussion of the need to review policy for citizens' comments formats in our by-laws. Margie Clark agreed to email the By-Laws Word file to Jan Goines.
- 5 Wrap up discussion concerning the Summertime Blues Festival
 - a. Pros include: weather; turnout; parade; grounds were well maintained; lighting was improved; pie eating contest was a big hit.
 - b. Cons include: limited access to RiverPlace for early set up; no fireworks; Sunday attendance was low; dog show was smaller (perhaps to be scheduled on Sat next year); fans for the bands must be improved; trash collection needs enhancement; beer concessions and vendor agreements must be more clearly defined; also need a better schedule for volunteers. Need a budget for the bands to reduce expense, perhaps increasing the number of sets with fewer bands.
- 6 It was moved by Sandra Leavey and seconded by Margie Clark to approve the payment of \$188.00 to Sysco Foods bill for Summertime Blues Triathlon breakfast and the motion carried unanimously.
- 7 Discussion and consideration of the approval of adding a roof grant to our grant programs. It was generally agreed that the roof grant form be separate from the façade grant application. Mary Stotler agreed to revise the roof grant application form and submit for a vote at the next meeting.
- 8 Discussion concerning museum project: Nat Hickey reported that the building needs to be secured and he distributed diagrams with measurements of the exterior of the building. He recommended that one tree be trimmed, the water connection to the sprinkler system be protected, and bids for securing the building need to be obtained. Mary Stotler suggested that the exit access be assessed and that a hot water heater be installed. Nat Hickey agreed to ask for bids for work needed to secure the building. Mary agreed to contact the city's code department and the group scheduled a work session for September 19. Industrial shelving was also discussed as well as the need to determine the best use of the various internal areas.
- 9 Discussion concerning possible purchase of Frank G. Capell boat models for museum concluded that the \$500 price range was high. The item was tabled for future discussion.
- 10 Discussion and approval concerning Halloween Ghost Tour project, Margie Clark agreed to communicate with other committee members (including Dan Tarver and Lance Olshovsky) before the next meeting.
- 11 Consideration of setting a date for a retreat to compile the 2009 Work Plan: Jan Goines agreed to explore possible venues for a Nov 1 work session and Sandra Barbree agreed to provide the lunch.
- 12 Discussion concerning attendance at Texas Downtown Association conference Nov. 11-14 and there was a consensus that board members attend with a focus on new members that can attend first. Members interested in attending will contact Mary Stotler via email.
- 13 Committee Reports:

The design committee reported that the Holiday on the Brazos project will be taking place again during the holiday season, including the Santas from last year and a new competition for 2008.
- 14 Confirm the dates and times for next board meeting – Tuesday October 14th, 2008 at 4:00 pm.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.