
MAIN STREET HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010 5:00 P.M.
FREEPORT HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 311 EAST PARK AVE, FREEPORT, TEXAS 77541

Members Present:

SANDRA LEAVEY President
SANDRA BARBREE *Vice-President*
MARJORIE CLARK Secretary
PIXIE FLOYD
NAT HICKEY
LILA LLOYD
MARTY DELEON
LALO GARCIA

Members Absent:

LANCE OLSHOVSKY

GILBERT ARISPE – Main Street Director

MICHELLE KENT- Council Liaison

OPEN MEETING

- 1 Recognize visitors
Visitors present were Cliff Smirek, Lucky Gilbert, Justin Saathoff, and Bobby Bass.
- 2 Approval of previous meetings minutes
Minutes of October 11, 2010 were presented for approval. Motion made by Pixie Floyd and seconded by Nat Hickey that minutes be approved as presented. Motion approved by all present.
- 3 Citizens' comments
Justin Saathoff told board members that he would like to help in any way with the Main Street Program. He stated that he has the energy and excitement needed to be an active volunteer to the program.
- 4 Discussion concerning the Mardi Gras Ball and action if needed
Lance Olshovsky has stated that he has to resign as chairman of the Mardi Gras Ball due to his work and time constraints. Discussion was held in regards to a new chairman. Marty DeLeon stated that he would do it. Other discussion included using a pirate theme, allow tables to be decorated by groups and award a prize for the best decorated table. Tickets will sell for \$25.00 and a table of 8 for \$185.00. The goal will be to try and sell 30 tables. It was discussed that maybe we could get Josh Pettijohn to print tickets. Also needed will be get some silent auction items. Event will be held 2-25-11. Lalo Garcia said that he will help with tickets. It was mentioned that we could also have a costume contest. Discussion was also held in regards to needing a \$4,000 budget for the event that will come from the Special Projects fund. No other action was taken as no motion was made.
- 5 Discussion concerning the Blessing of the Fleet and action if needed
It was discussed that we again have the Blessing of the Fleet. No action taken as to further details being presented. Will need to re-agenda.
- 6 Discussion concerning the Flap Jack run, and action if needed
Main Street Board will again do Flap Jack run. We will need to contact BARRA for assistance and see if Darrell can again do time clock tabulation for runners. There have been about 70 runners plus children who participate in event. Notification of event will need to be given, purchase of awards and t-shirts. BASF has been sponsor of children's run. Will need to check with them again about being sponsor. Morning breakfast will also need to be planned. We have used McDonalds in past. Lalo Garcia volunteered to be chairman of event.
- 7 Discussion concerning the donated funds account and action if needed
Marjorie Clark gave financial report information.
- 8 Discussion concerning the Reenactment of the Battle of Velasco Project and action if needed
Nat Hickey to head up committee. He stated that he has lots of information. The 175th Statehood anniversary was not discussed.
- 9 Announcement concerning the designation of a Texas Navy Boat Slip at the Freeport Marina
Nat Hickey discussed that the marina has designated a boat slip for the Texas Navy Boat.
- 10 Discussion concerning the acquisition of another building for the museum, and action if needed.
Nat told the group that we could purchase the adjoining two buildings next to the museum for \$60,000. As a fund raising event, it was discussed that the 'Night at the Museum' could again be held to raise some funds for this project. A motion to setup an acquisition committee to work on purchasing these two additional buildings for us to enlarge the museum was made by Sandra Barbree and seconded by Sandra Leavey. Motion approved by all present.
- 11 Discussion concerning the acquisition of the old Jail House Building, and action if needed
Nat Hickey stated that this was a dead issue as the owners who live in Crockett did not want to sell.

- 12 Discussion concerning the acquisition of the plantation bell, and action if needed
In order for us to obtain bell a restriction is being made that it must be kept inside. After a bit of discussion it was tabled in order to bring additional information to the members. No action taken.
- 13 Discussion concerning the Velasco Lighthouse/Restroom Facility in Memorial Park and the acquisition of the original light tower, and action if needed
No action, will have to re-agenda item.
- 14 Consideration and action if needed for any outstanding receipts for 2010 Summertime Blues festival
A motion by Nat Hickey and seconded by Pixie Floyd that we pay Gilbert Arispe for the \$124.00 that he paid for the hotel for the Pride and Joy Band. Motion approved by all present. Motion by Marty DeLeon with second by Lalo Garica that we pay \$652.95 for the amount due to All I Know for the additional t-shirts that were purchased. Motion approved by all present.
- 15 Update and action if needed for the Summertime Blues festival 2011
Lucky Gilbert, with the VFW organization, stated that Blues festival planning has begun. It was discussed that Main Street is represented by Nat Hickey and he could be co-chair. Lucky also told Marty that if he would be active with VFW that he could be on committee. Lucky said that Gilbert Arispe is be the head on the Freeport Main Street side. The Main Street program will be primarily responsible for the triathlon and the coke booth. Lalo questioned what Main Street has done in giving money and giving away festival. It was mentioned we are in a partnership with VFW and we could not handle the festival by ourselves this year. The partnership with VFW is for only this year's event. Marjorie Clark made the motion to partner with the VFW for the 2011 Summertime Blues Festival. Motion seconded by Sandra Leavey. Marjorie Clark, Pixie Floyd, Nat Hickey, Sandra Leavey, and Lila Lloyd voted yes. Marty DeLeon, Sandra Barbree, and Lalo Garcia voted no. Motion approved.
- 16 Consideration of a Christmas Season event, and action if needed
No discussion held.
- 17 Freeport Main Street Standing with the state
Sandra Leavey discussed that we needed a full-time director at least 51% of time. The paperwork has only been done thru Sept. 2010. She said that 2 re-investment reports were due and that we needed to do the 10 Criteria Report. One has not been done for over a year. Sandra asked Michelle if she would put on Council Meeting agenda for us to go over our status with them.

Meeting was abruptly ended at 7:47 pm as various members got up and left creating a Lack of Quorum status. No other action was taken and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marjorie L. Clark

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Secretary