

MAIN STREET HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, February 12, 2009. 4:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM, 200 W. SECOND STREET, FREEPORT, TEXAS 77541

PRESENT:

Dr. Jan Goines, Pixie Floyd, Sandra Barbree, Marjorie Clark, Sandra Leavey, Nat Hickey, Lila Lloyd, Mary Lee Stotler

Guest: Angel Leavey

Meeting called to order at 4:17 pm

1. Pixie Floyd designated to keep minutes.
2. Approval of last meeting minutes – tabled.
3. Approval of Sept. 2008 minutes – tabled. Hurricane Ike hit within days of this meeting. The minutes were recorded on audio and the secretary has had difficulty retrieving the written record.
4. No citizen comments.
5. Recognize new businesses: Connie's Café and KC& Company. Main Street members need to spread the word about these and other recent openings, including Della's Metal Restoration, Sandi Joe's, Something's Poppin' and Mr. Gatti's – even though some are not in the Main Street area. It benefits the city to support all new business.
6. Discussion concerning field trip to Pearland. Very informative presentation given by Tier Allender, General manager, and Norma Garza, Marketing director. The group that visited Pearland's Town Center came away with a lot of good ideas and enthusiasm.
7. Main Street Manager's report: discussed Pearland Town Center field trip. Possibility was raised of making more field trips in the future: Smithville, Brenham, Spring, Beaumont. Committee to look at handicap-accessible corners in other cities.
8. The Flapjack 5K and RiverFest will be Saturday, April 25th. Will set more definitive details at March meeting.
9. Mr. Hickey reported on the Museum Project. He and Mayor McDonald met at the Main Street building (Old Facts office). Mr. McDonald stated that he would install A/C and rewire – this being done during downtime at Fresco. Building needs to be secured with Hardi Board and new doors. Motion was made by Sandra Leavey to allocate \$500.00 to secure the building, second by Marjorie Clark. Unanimous.
10. Mardi Gras tickets are still for sale. Mary reported that Veolia Water donated \$1500 to Main Street. They will be given a table at Mardi Gras. The bands are booked. Auction items are still needed.
11. Board approved expenditures not to exceed \$5000 for Mardi Gras. Motion by Sandra Leavey, second by Pixie Floyd. Unanimous.
12. Committee reports:

- a. Design. Bill and Denise Leitch finishing 2nd phase of their building façade on West Park Ave.
- b. Economic restructuring. Visit, welcome and support new businesses.
- c. Organization. Working on Mardi Gras.
- d. Promotion. Working on Mardi Gras. Ads appearing in the Facts.
- e. Historical. Nat working with Mayor to improve future museum building. Mr. Hickey reported that the city's centennial will be February 12, 2012. Plans need to start ASAP for the celebration. Volunteers needed to help with suggestions, photos and memorabilia for the event.

13. Adjourn at 5:57 pm

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