



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FREEPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION & MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 AT 5:00PM  
311 NAT HICKEY LANE, FREEPORT, TX 77541**

**Chairperson:**

Sandra Barbree

**Board Members:**

Nat Hickey  
James McDonald  
David McGinty  
Margaret McMahan  
Amanda Petty  
Edmeryl Williams  
Carolyn Weatherly

**Vice Chairperson:**

Brenda George

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Barbree called the meeting to order at 5:10pm. Members/staff present were as follows:

Board Members: Sandra Barbree  
Nat Hickey  
David McGinty  
Margaret McMahan  
James McDonald  
Amanda Petty  
Carolyn Weatherly  
Edmeryl Williams

Staff Members: LeAnn Strahan  
Wade Dillon  
Tammy Bell

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Weatherly opened the meeting in prayer and Mr. McGinty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Announcements by Board Members and/or Staff.

**1. Board Member Announcements**

Mr. McGinty advised that sponsorships are needed for the Veterans Day Parade.

**2. Upcoming Museum Exhibits/Events**

Mr. Dillon updated the Board on the status of the Texas Navy Davy event scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>, shared the flyer, and announced that James Glover from Stephen F. Austin County Park will join Justin Parkoff, Flem Rogers and himself a guest speaker for the event. In addition, he reported that we had 650 visitors for the Fort Velasco exhibit. He is currently working on new stories for Haunting Tales of the Texas Coast, including filming in West Columbia for a version of Brit Bailey.

Ms. Strahan reported that so far there are 29 seats filled for the upcoming Mental Health First Aid certification training course scheduled for Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the museum in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month.

Ms. Strahan updated the Board on the installation of new vinyl flooring in the museum's theater and party room.

**BUSINESS – REGULAR SESSION:**

**3. Consideration and possible action to approve meeting minutes from August 19, 2021.**

Ms. Strahan reported that she had not yet completed the minutes from the previous meeting. With a motion by Ms. McMahan and a second by Mrs. Petty, the Board unanimously approved to table the approval of minutes.

**WORK SESSION:**

**4. Main Street Events Discussion**

**A. Downtown Monthly Events (McGinty, Williams, McDonald)**

Ms. Williams updated the Board on the progress of the sub-committee planning for downtown events. Discussion ensued regarding the Christmas Market scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> that included high school and intermediate bands to play, food trucks, a community tree lighting ceremony, and adjusting hours to a later time for lights. Ms. Strahan added that we need to be securing vendors for the market. Mr. McDonald advised we approach FEDC for a sponsorship for the lighting ceremony. Mr. Hickey discussed his strong interest in adding an outdoor event center in Memorial Park including a stage and bathrooms. Mr. Hickey offered to cover the cost of the architectural plans and suggested we have sponsorships pay for the pavilion.

**B. Seasonal Events (Strahan)**

Ms. Strahan updated the Board on the Daddy Daughter Dance scheduled for Friday, February 11, 2022. This year the dance will be a Princess theme.

**5. Discuss Partnerships with Local Boards, Commissions, Organizations**

Ms. Strahan initiated the discussion to engage with other local organizations such as the EDC, Freeport League, Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce to help grow our impact in the community. Ms. Weatherly suggested we host a reception for these groups, which manifested into the idea of a “Night at the Museum” style event. With a tentative date of January 20, 2022 this networking event would be intended to “Celebrate & Collaborate” (McMahan) with community leaders, non-profit organizations in an effort to create partnerships as we go forward with rebuilding Main Street.

**6. Items for Future Discussion - Next Scheduled Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2021 at 5:00pm at the Freeport Historical Museum. Next Special Events Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 5pm at the Freeport Historical Museum.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**7. Adjourn.**

With a motion by Ms. McMahan and a second by Mr. McDonald, the meeting was unanimously called to a close at 6:15pm.

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LeAnn Strahan, Destinations Director  
City of Freeport