

**MAIN STREET HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008, 4:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM, 200 W. SECOND STREET, FREEPORT, TEXAS 77541**

PRESENT:

Marjorie Clark Pixie Floyd Sandra Shaw Jan Goines

ABSENT:

Sandra Leavey Sandra Barbree Sabdra Wood-Wicke

President Marjorie Clark called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Visitors: Mary Talbot, Martha Sue Westbrook, and Mary Darnell were welcomed.

Council Liason: Jim Saccomanno

Minutes: No minutes available for approval.

Main Street Manager's Report: Mary Stotler reported that the City of Freeport received its Army Corps of Engineers permit for our marina project. This has been a long time company and is important to our Main Street District as it will help to promote more traffic to our downtown area. Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held early in February. Our Historic Preservation Overlay District has not been going as well as we want. Plans to host informational dinners within the next two months to educate the affected property owners on what the district will mean to them and why we need their support are being considered.

Discussion/presentation with Mary Darnell/Freeport Senior Citizens Commission regarding possible business in Facts Building: Discussions were held in regards to the Senior Citizens utilizing space within the Facts Building to display and sell "Elder Crafts". It was discussed that the building still needed a lot of work to be done before it could be used, but we would work towards cleaning it up for the Senior Citizens if they want to use this facility. No commitment was made at this time. Mary Stotler will give a talk to the Senior Citizens group on February 18th.

Discussion concerning Mardi Gras Ball: Planning is continuing and ongoing.

Discussion concerning Historic Overlay District: Mary Stotler provided information to the board regarding establishing a Historic Overlay District. Other meetings will be held to go into further detail in discussing what is needed towards the board working to establish this district.

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Consideration on moving forward with Green Market plans: Discussion was held regarding plans for having a Green Market. This market is modeled after a farmers market and will have fresh, locally grown produce as well as handmade crafts and recycled items. More information needs to be brought to board before board before deciding on doing this activity.

Discussion on possible Main Street information dinners/meetings for public: Discussion was held in regards as to Main Street hosting some informational dinners/meetings within the next two months to educate the affected owners on what the district will mean to them and why we need their support. Board thought this was a good idea. No dates set. No action taken.

Set workshop date to refine 2008-2009 work plan: Mary Stotler provided board members with sample of work plan. No date set.

Committee Reports: No reports given. We still need to work towards getting volunteers to make up these committees.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.