

**MAIN STREET HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009, 5:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM, 200 W. SECOND STREET
FREEPORT, TEXAS 77541**

PRESENT:

Pixie Floyd	Sandra Leavey	Marjorie Clark	Sandra Barbree
Lila Lloyd	Sandra Wood-Wicke	Nat Hickey	Josh Pettijohn

ABSENT:

Lance Olshovsky

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Pixie Floyd called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

VISITORS

Grady Pennington and Jeff Pynes

MINUTES

No minutes presented

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

DISCUSSION WITH JEFF PYNES, CITY MANAGER

City Manager, Jeff Pynes addressed the Main Street/Historical Museum board. He brought up an idea of having a fundraiser for the museum -- "Night at the Museum" and about having a "Movie Night Out". He said that Best Buy would provide 100% of the funding and it could possibly be held at the Amphitheater.

Mr. Pynes also stated that the signs for Main Street which have been in storage for a long time will be permanently put in place on 4th and the east side of 1495.

He said that he is working towards getting a \$7MM grant from HGAC to redo the sidewalks citywide.

Mr. Pynes also discussed the condition of various buildings in the Main Street district and he said that the city is working towards notifying property owners whose buildings are not up to code.

Another program he mentioned is looking at doing is a gateway program for the Main Street area.

Discussion was also held in regards to having a Festival-Texas which focuses on Texas music, Texas Art, and Texas wines.

Mr. Pynes said that Gilbert Arispe will coordinate staff and work with the Main Street Program. Discussion with board was held in regards to Gilbert being the liaison and that he will act as the Main Street Director on a part time basis so that we can keep our Main Street status. Sandra Leavey mentioned the report that is due on a monthly basis and said that she would work with Gilbert in its preparation.

Various members of the board mentioned the importance of attending the Texas Downtown Association conference and wanted to find out if funds would be available for several members to attend. A review of budget will need to be made to see if funds were allocated and if not, Mr. Pynes stated for someone to come and discuss with him and he would see if funds could be funded for this conference.

Mr. Pynes also mentioned the importance of us working on establishing a Historic Overlay district. In conclusion, Mr. Pynes said that positive ideas are needed and that he is available and will work with the board to find available funds when needed.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING MUSEUM PROJECT

City employees along with Nat Hickey worked on the Museum to finish getting it ready for opening. Other contributors to museum were Best Buy on video equipment, Bottom Dollar Carpet on carpet, and Special Place in Lake Jackson.

All records for Main Street are now in the Museum. Files, computer, and phone line will be set up. Beverly Nixon will be putting Chuck Wagon in museum for display. We will need to work on hours of operation and who will be available during times opened. Tours will be available on an appointment basis.

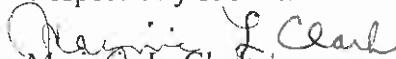
SET TIME, PLACE AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting was set for October 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to be held in Museum.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Marjorie L. Clark
Secretary