

TAYLOR MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

Ed Hile called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and a quorum was declared. Board Members present were Ed Hile, Brent Humphries, Jan Konarik, Lisa Hudson, Irene Michna, Nell Steger, Miguel Espitia and Dana Moehnke. Board Members not present were Don Williams and Bobby Seiferman. Guests present were Stephen Dorman with Sledge Engineering, City Councilman Brandt Rydell, Jaquetta Richards, and Eric Weiner. Staff present were Bob van Til and Deby Lannen.

Stephen Dorman with Sledge Engineering then gave an update of the plans for the Main Street Projects. The survey work is almost finished. The utilities design is being reviewed first and it will take a couple of months, should be finished around November. Ed Hile asked him about possibilities of including stamped concrete features and bumpouts.

Discussion was held on TIF wording changes that were delayed and resulted in the sale of the sign atop the old Taylor Motor building. Laws that define what TIF funds can be used for indicate the sign could be covered but the City Attorney made a ruling that it was not that clear in our TIF document. Concerns were expressed and how the rules should be broad enough to cover all things so that what we encountered will not happen again. Board members expressed concern as to how the information was communicated to them. The situation was very discouraging and upsetting and appeared to have no level of urgency from staff or City Attorney. City Attorney will be reviewing TIF laws and revise them for future items. The Board asked that no more TIF requests be accepted until this has been settled. Motion was made by Brent Humphries to not accept any more TIF requests until the above issues are settled and seconded by Dana Moehnke. Motion passed. Board also asked that the Council as a whole be asked to address the issues with the City Attorney taking so much time to address issues. They also asked for a special meeting with the TIF Board, Keith Hagler (owner of the sign) and Ted Hejl (City Attorney).

There were no rental assistance applications to be reviewed. The Board reviewed a Board application submitted by Steve Truex. After review, it was presented by Jan Konarik and seconded by Irene Michna to present Mr. Truex's application to the council for approval. Bobby Seiferman was not present to give a Promotions Committee update. Ed Hile discussed the Christmas Bazaar plans. Discussion was also held on possibility of a sidewalk ordinance to prohibit "clutter" in front of buildings. Deby Lannen reported that she has asked for information other Main Street cities as to how they handle the situation which will be forwarded to the Board at a later date.

As new business, it was asked that we try to enact Historical Preservation ordinances that might give more guidance as to what can and cannot be done in our historic downtown. Deby will gather the information from other Main Street cities as to how they handle this issue.

Motion was made to adjourn by Miguel Espitia and seconded by Jan Konarik.

Respectfully submitted,

Deby Lannen
Main Street Manager