

**MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD
BOARD MINUTES
July 26, 2018**

The Main Street Advisory Board met on Wednesday, July 26, 2018, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas.

The following Board members were present:

Deborah Parker
Sharla Gola
Erwin Stauffer
Shannon Grace
Carol Bachmayer
Megan Randig

The following Board members were not present:

Bobby Seiferman
Melody Huber
Scott Dean
Steve Truex

Also present:

Deby Lannen, Main Street Manager
Shelly Shelton, Sr. Planner
Jeff Jenkins, Assistant City Manager

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m. by Chairman Deborah Parker.

There was no public comment.

The following Consent Agenda items were presented to the Board:

Consent Agenda Item No. 1

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 16, 2018 meeting. Erwin Stauffer made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Carol Bachmayer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda Item No. 2

The financials for May and June were presented to the Board. No action taken.

The Board discussed the Regular Agenda items as follows:

Item No. 1

Deby Lannen presented Main Street Manager's report and updates to the Board. Some of the topics included: continued interest in buildings downtown for purchase and to bring new businesses in; upcoming events to include Car Show, Wine Swirl, Spooktacular, and Christmas Bazaar.

Item No. 2

Discussion was held on the murals that are being done on buildings in historic downtown. Concern is that they are being done without approval by the Main Street Advisory Board as is specified in the City's Sign Ordinance. The Board is concerned about some of the murals looking to be gang related and the fact that rules are in place for a reason. Free expression sounds good but what is the ulterior motive? Could the paintings be done in some of the buildings? This needs to be planned for or we will end up with paintings where we don't want them. We need to look at the big picture and what the end game is.

The Board feels there is no reason to change the ordinance, just enforce it. We need to contact the building owners for approval of those already done. The buildings more than one painting will need to be done as a separate piece of art. Rather than fine those not approved, could they just be removed?

An approval application will be devised and will have building owners submit for each painting.

Item No. 3

Items discussed for upcoming agendas was the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The Board would like a copy of the presentation that was given to the group with a copy of the ordinance. There was concern that there was no diversity on the Task Force. The Board also felt that the home owners need to be notified before the ordinance is approved.

Motion was made by Shannon Grace to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Erwin Stauffer. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deby Lannen
Main Street Manager