

**MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD
BOARD MINUTES
May 25, 2016**

The Main Street Advisory Board met on May 25, 2016 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas.

The following board members were present:

Jan Konarik	Sharla Gola
Megan Randig	Deborah Parker
Melody Huber	Erwin Stauffer
Steve Truex	Bobby Seiferman

Also present:

Ashley Lumpkin, Development Services
Judy Blundell, Downtown Building Owner
Deby Lannen, Main Street Manager

The following board members were absent:

Tiffany Shadd
Wesley West

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm by Main Street Manager Deby Lannen.

There was no public comments.

Bobby Seiferman made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Deborah Parker seconded and the motion carried.

Ashley Lumpkin, Community Development, discussed the request made by Curbside Coffee at 203 W. 4th St. (owned by Judy Blundell). Currently the sign ordinance does not allow for neon signs. Ms. Blundell asked that we support her request to have a neon sign so that it can be taken to the Zoning Board of Adjustments for special approval. Bobby Seiferman made the comment that the sign design was tasteful and fit the character of the building. Sharla Gola commented that she supports lighted or illuminated signs with limits on lumens.

She also indicated that we need to be prudent not to show favoritism and if exception for illuminated signs are going to be allowed for a business, then before the exception is made, we should take this opportunity to request changes be made to the sign ordinance so ALL businesses have the same opportunity to have visible marketing exposure in the evening. Bobby Seiferman made the motion to support the sign request. Jan Konarik seconded and the motion passed with Sharla Gola being the only opposing vote based on the information indicated above. Ms. Lumpkin will present the request for variance to Zoning and Board of Adjustments and indicate that the Main Street Advisory Board supports the signage requested.

Deby Lannen gave an update on the success of the Blackland Prairie Days 2016 and will present financials after the final bills and sponsorships have been received.

Election of officers was held. Erwin Stauffer nominated Bobby Seiferman for Chairman unanimously. All voted in favor. Erwin Stauffer nominated Sharla Gola as Vice Chairman unanimously. All voted in favor. Deborah Parker nominated Melody Huber as Secretary unanimously. All voted in favor.

Deby Lannen discussed committees and their responsibilities. Everyone was asked to review the committees and decide where they would best fit before the next meeting.

Sign Ordinance was further discussed and it will become a main priority of the Design Committee. More creativity was mentioned as being a high priority in the ordinance revision. Development Services and the Economic Restructuring Committee will also be providing input on the sign ordinance revisions.

Having no further business, Jan Konarik made the motion to adjourn. Erwin Stauffer seconded and the motion carried to adjourn at 5:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Deby Lannen, Main Street Manager