

MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD
BOARD MINUTES
February 24, 2016

The Main Street Advisory Board met on February 24, 2016 at Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter Street, Taylor, Texas.

The following board members were present:

Jan Konarik	Steve Truex	Sharla Gola
Bobby Seiferman	Megan Randig	Deborah Parker
Melody Huber	Wesley West	Erwin Stauffer
Miguel Espitia, Jr.		

Also present:

Deby Lannen, Main Street Manager

Joe Burgess, Chair, Economic Restructuring Committee

The following board members were absent:

Tiffany Shadd

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm by Chair Miguel Espitia, Jr.

Bobby Seiferman made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 meeting. Steve Truex seconded the motion and it carried.

Joe Burgess, Economic Restructuring Committee Chair, addressed the meeting to invite everyone to the Chamber/Main Street Social being held Thursday, February 25 at Red Rider Studio. Debra Drescher with Texas Historic Commission, Main Street Program, will speak on the Main Street Program, and Assistant City Manager Noel Bernal will give an update on the Downtown Master Plan. Mr. Burgess also stated that with the strong leadership we now have, he is very excited about things to come in 2016.

Bobby Seiferman asked to move the Rental Assistance applications and Façade Grant application up on the agenda since he needed to leave early. Motion approved. Façade Grant submitted by J. Patrick Quinn for work on windows on

second floor of 423 N. Main St. Jan Konarik made the motion to approve the request for payment of \$3,600 (half of the total cost of \$7,200) for the work done. Sharla Gola questioned that there was not clear itemization on the work being done. Steve Truex recommended approval pending itemization and Megan Randig seconded. All approved and Deby Lannen will ask for more itemization and forward to the board for review.

Rental Assistance for Canvas Press, LLC, 220 E. 4th Street Unit B, was reviewed. Bobby Seiferman moved to approve the application and Sharla Gola seconded. The assistance was approved in the amount of \$750 beginning March. Rental Assistance for Main Street Trading Post was reviewed. Steve Truex moved that we ask for more information on the business plan before approval. Motion seconded by Deborah Parker and all approved. Deby Lannen will ask for the additional information and forward to the board for review.

In regard to rental assistance and grant applications, discussion was held as to exactly how much information we should request. It was brought up that the Economic Restructuring Committee had approved the applications and that we should take their recommendations. The Committee has done due diligence in reviewing and making the recommendation to the Board. These are all valid points but some would just like more information since we are responsible for City funds.

Board received Manager's report and updates on Backland Prairie Days.

There being no further new and old business the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm as motioned by Miguel Espitia, Jr. and seconded by Steve Truex.

Respectfully submitted.

Deby Lannen
Main Street Manager