

MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 18, 2012

The Main Street Advisory Board met on January 18, 2012 at Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter Street, Taylor, Texas jointly with the Tax Increment Finance (TIF Advisory) Board.

The following board members were present:

Christina Davis

Jan Konarik

Irene Michna

Lynn Gates

Mary Linda Hays

Dana Moehnke

Wyndy Ellis

The following board members of TIF were present:

Ed Komandosky

Bill Mikulencak

Bob Van Til

Also present:

Deby Lannen, Main Street Manager

The following board member of Main Street was absent:

Janette Polach

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Irene Michna moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Christina Davis and the motion was approved.

Bob Van Til presented the annual Tax Increment Finance report. Mary Linda Hayes asked Bob to refresh the Main Street Board members on the Master Plan regarding Phase II. Bob reported the City Council has not acted on a and b of Phase I. Therefore it has not moved on to Phase II.

Christina Davis asked if the cost of banners and brackets could be covered by the TIF funds. The City Council's recommendation must come before the Main Street Board with respect to funds expended. Ten to twelve banners are needed at a cost of 199 to 400 each.

Deby Lannen presented the account balance on October 1 and budget for the Board for fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

Deby reported that the Taylor Conservation and Heritage Society is continuing to assign tasks with respect to fund raising for Old City Hall and is continuing to look for assistance. She reported that she was continuing to attend the meetings of TCHS.

Deby reported that the design committee had approved the design for 16 benches at a cost of \$8563.57. She reported the benches could be in within 10 days of placing the order. Mary Linda Hays moved the Board approve the design and place the order. Christina Davis seconded the motion and it was approved. Deby reported that the Parks Department would be removing the old benches. Deby also reported that she had met with Jeff Straub and the Parks Department regarding the condition of Heritage Square. The Parks Department will be removing the broken concrete around the flag poles and replacing it with flower beds or crushed granite. Also, the Department will be removing some of the sidewalks and replacing them, as well as removing dead trees. The light poles need repainting and Deby requested that the Board members plan a work day to do the work. She also reported that Keep Taylor Beautiful has committed to helping with the project. Deby reported the work should be complete before Zest Fest.

It was suggested that Deby discuss with the about hanging plywood on the fences around the Old City Hall and check with the Artist Guild regarding art work on the boards.

The Board discussed ways to educate the public about Main Street and downtown Taylor. A treasure hunt was suggested. Dana Moehnke was asked to head up a group to work on how to educate the public and report back to the Board.

Deby was asked to work on publicity concerning what is going on with the Main Street Program.

Deby reported that the Hiles who have opened a shop on East 2nd Street have offered to put together a map of downtown for visitors to the community.

The Board discussed finding a way to have a train station in Taylor. Wyndy Ellis was asked to research how Temple, Austin and other communities have developed their train stations.

Deby reported she would be working on arranging meetings for the Main Street committees.

Deby asked that a chairman and vice chairman be appointed. Irene moved that Christina Davis be named chairman, Wyndy Ellis seconded and the motion passed. Mary Linda Hays offered to serve as vice chairman. Lynn Gates will continue as recording secretary.

The members of the Board voted to recommend to City Council that the following applicants be appointed to serve on the Board: Bobby Sieferman, Ed Hile, and Stacy Stork.

Deby reminded the members that training for members was mandatory and that she would be setting up training after City Council approved the new members. Following a training session, the Board will write a work plan.

The Board discussed a need to change the time and possibly the day for the monthly meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn S. Gates