

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS  
GONZALES MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

**AGENDA –MAY 26, 2020**

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code and the March 16, 2020 order by the Governor of the State of Texas, the Gonzales Main Street Advisory Board will hold its regular meeting on May 26, 2020 at 5:30 pm., via teleconference in accordance with Governor Abbott's order.

This meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet are posted online at [www.gonzales.texas.gov](http://www.gonzales.texas.gov).

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A recording of the telephone conference will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**HEARING OF RESIDENTS**

Temporarily suspended as noted above.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **Approval of April 28, 2020 Minutes**

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED**

2. **Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action on use of stage recommendation for City Council approval.**
3. **Discuss, Consider and Possible Action regarding authorization to change signatures on SouthStar and Wells Fargo Accounts for the Main Street Program.**

4. Discuss, Consider and Possible Action regarding possible date change for bands booked during the 2020 Main Street Concert Series.
5. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding Star Spangled Spectacular and Fireworks.
6. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding no charge for businesses to set up a booth on Confederate Square during the Main Street Concert Series
7. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding request of funds from Historic Homes Association for painting of downtown handrails.

## **REPORTS**

8. Promotion Committee Report
9. Organization Committee Report
10. Design Committee Report
11. Economic Vitality Committee Report
12. Financial Report for month of April
13. Main Street Manager Barbara Friedrich's report on two vacancies on the Main Street Board. Versatile Lodging Texian Heritage Conference Center, 321 Pop Up and Holiday Finance Building are interested in façade grants, Liz Main Street Manager Training Thursday, May 21st
14. Requests by Board Members for items on future agendas
15. Announcements by Board Members
16. Set date and time for next meeting

## **AJOURN**

CERTIFIED as posted by 4:30 pm on May 21, 2020 I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer

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Liz Reiley, Main Street Manager

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**MINUTES  
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**CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

Chairman Gregory Webb called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The following members were present constituting a quorum: John Boothe, Gregory Webb, Sherri Schellenberg, Connie Dolezal, Meena Patel, Amy Cernosek, Debbie Toliver and Carlos Camarillo. Members absent: Karen Jacobs, D'anna Robinson and Cheri Lane. Other present was Barbara Friedrich, Kyle Crozier, Jose Torres, and Kristi Gilbert.

**HEARING OF RESIDENTS**

Temporarily suspended as noted above.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Approval of February 25, 2020 Minutes**

Following discussion, John Boothe moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2020. Amy Cernosek seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED**

**2. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding Business Improvement Grant Application from First United Methodist Church**

Barbara Friedrich presented a Business Improvement Grant application from the First United Methodist Church. Barbara reported that the application was for the building at 509 Saint Lawrence Street. The application was complete and work for the façade would be between \$55,000.00 and \$65,000.

Following discussion, Connie Dolezal moved to approve funding 80% up to \$15,000.00 to the First United Methodist Church for their building located at 509 Saint Lawrence Street. Debbie Toliver seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

**3. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding Main Street Concert Series**

Discussion was made as to whether to have the Main Street Concert Series. The board discussed canceling the June Concerts and maybe goes ahead and plan for the July 4<sup>th</sup> concert and fireworks show.

Following discussion, Meena Patel moved to cancel the June Concerts and reevaluate the July 4<sup>th</sup> and Fireworks show at the May 26, 2006 meeting. John Boothe seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

**4. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding no charge for businesses to set up a booth on Confederate Square during the Main Street Concert Series**

Following discussion, Debbie Toliver moved to table item #4. Connie Dolezal seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

**5. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding request of funds from Historic Homes Association for painting of downtown handrails.**

Connie Dolezal reported that she had counted the handrails and trash cans that would need to be repainted, but has not been able to contact a painter for the cost.

Following discussion, Carlos Camarillo moved to table item #5 until the May 26, 2020 meeting. John Boothe seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

**6. Discuss, Consider and Possible Action regarding promotional event for reopening Gonzales.**

Connie Dolezal reported that she had talked with Amy Cernosek about having a grand opening on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Connie's thoughts were to have a big promotion through face book to shop local and support your local businesses on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Following discussion, John Booth moved to have a promotional event for reopening Gonzales on May 8, 2020. Amy Cernosek seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by John Booth, Amy Cernosek, Sherri Schellenburg, Meena Patel, and Connie Dolezal voted yea. Carlos Camarillo, Debbie Toliver, and Greg Webb voted naye. Motion prevailed.

**7. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding approving IRS 990 form and authorizing Chairman to sign**

Following discussion, Meena Patel approved the IRS 990 form and authorized the Chairman to sign. Debbie Toliver seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

**8. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding Advisory Board Accountability Agreement**

Following discussion, Amy Cernosek moved to approve the acceptance of the Advisory Board Accountability Agreement. John Boothe seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

## REPORTS

**9. Promotion Committee Report**

Meena Patel reported that she would like to promote our downtown businesses.  
Barbara Friedrich reported that the video that Amy Cernosek was great.

**10. Organization Committee Report**

None

**11. Design Committee Report**

None

**12. Economic Vitality Committee Report**

None

**13. Financial Report for month of February and March**

Financial Reports for month of February and March were reviewed.

**14. Main Street Manager Barbara Friedrich's report on Community Accreditation Report from Texas Main Street Office, GEDC COVID-19 Business Grant Application, and Retirement**

Barbara Friedrich reported that Gonzales Main Street was recognized as a 2020 Nationally Accredited Main Street Program; Gonzales Economic Development Corporation has a COVID-19 business Grant available; and that she would be retiring as of May 31, 2020 and her last day at work would be May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**15. Requests by Board Members for items on future agendas**

Star Spangled Spectacular and Fireworks Show.

**16. Announcements by Board Members**

None

**17. Set date and time for next meeting**

Next Main Street Advisory Board meeting will be May 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

## AJOURN

No further matters were discussed. The meeting was adjourned by motion by Debbie Toliver and seconded by John Booth.

Barbara Friedrich, Recording Secretary

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Gregory Webb, Chairman

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Karen Jacobs, Secretary

## Liz Reiley

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**From:** Barbara Friedrich  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 4:40 PM  
**To:** Liz Reiley

-----Original Message-----

From: Daniel Santee <[tdsantee@rampagelaw.com](mailto:tdsantee@rampagelaw.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:05 AM  
To: Ashley Simper <[ASimper@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:ASimper@gonzales.texas.gov)>  
Cc: Tim Patek <[TPatek@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:TPatek@gonzales.texas.gov)>; Connie Kacir <[CKacir@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:CKacir@gonzales.texas.gov)>; Anne Dollery <[ADollery@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:ADollery@gonzales.texas.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Events & gatherings

None of those activities are allowed at this time.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ashley Simper <[ASimper@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:ASimper@gonzales.texas.gov)>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 7:17 AM  
To: Daniel Santee <[tdsantee@rampagelaw.com](mailto:tdsantee@rampagelaw.com)>  
Cc: Tim Patek <[TPatek@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:TPatek@gonzales.texas.gov)>; Connie Kacir <[CKacir@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:CKacir@gonzales.texas.gov)>; Anne Dollery <[ADollery@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:ADollery@gonzales.texas.gov)>  
Subject: Events & gatherings

Hi Dan,

Asking for clarification following the Governor's order yesterday.

The types of events people have booked in our community (or would like to book) that we need advisement on include:

- prom at JB Wells
- quincenerra at JB Wells
- fundraising event at JB Wells
- concerts on the Square
- reunion for historical associations at Pioneer Village (200 people)

As these events do not fall under the types he has specifically mentioned yet (such as rodeos, weddings, funerals & outdoor graduations), are we to interpret them as not yet permissible? Or is there wiggle room if they are outdoors?

Thank you,

Ashley Simper  
Director of Tourism  
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Barbara Friedrich  
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City of Gonzales  
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**Financial Statement  
April 30, 2020  
Gonzales Main Street, Inc.**

Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
<b>Balance as of March 31, 2020</b>				<b>26,367.87</b>
4/1/2020	DEP	Deposit	Donation	25.00
4/28/2020	ATM	ASCAP	Legal Fees	-177.69
<b>Balance as of April 30, 2020</b>				<b>26,215.18</b>

**Business Improvement Grant  
April 30, 2020**

Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
<b>Balance as of March 31, 2020</b>				<b>26,983.29</b>
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