



MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Gonzales Municipal Building
820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas
Tuesday, November 15, 2016– 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Gonzales Main Street Advisory Board convened their regular meeting at 5:30 p.m., November 15, 2016 in the Conference Room at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Del De Los Santos called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The following members were present constituting a quorum: Egon Barthels, Connie Dolezal, Del De Los Santos, Johnnie Edwards, Debbie Toliver, Carlos Camarillo, Sherri Schellenberg, Sheli Van Kirk. and John Boothe. Members absent: Lisa Brown and John Pirkle. Others present were Barbara Friedrich

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public comments section of the meeting is for citizens to address the advisory board as a whole

David DeMent commented on the City Council approved 2015 building codes that were making it almost impossible to renovate some of the buildings downtown. He urged the Main Street Board to think about these codes and how they could help the building owners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of October 25, 2016 Minutes
Following discussion, Johnnie Edwards moved to approve the minutes for October 25, 2016. Egon Barthels seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

2. Discuss and Consider Business Development Grant application from Sweet B's
Bri Shauer presented a Business Development Grant application to the Main Street Board for approval for renovations of her building located at 521 Saint Joseph Street. Grant funds would be used rebuild façade of building to way it was originally, and install an awning.
Following discussion Egon Barthels moved to approve application from Sweet B's for funding of 80% up to \$15,000.00 of cost for renovation of façade of building on 521 Saint Joseph Street. John Boothe seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by unanimous vote.
3. Discuss and Consider Program of Work for 2017
Barbara Friedrich presented the Program of Work for 2017 with changes that the board requested at the October 25, 2016 meeting. Discussion was made by the board about landscaping and planting flowers downtown.
Following discussion, Egon Barthels moved to approve the Program of Work for 2017. Shelli Van Kirk seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by unanimous vote.

4. Discuss and Consider any action regarding Promotion Committee
 - a) Winterfest
Discussion was made about judges for the Lighted Christmas Parade. Connie Dolezal said she would talk to John Pirkle about driving the judges and about judges for the parade. Debbie Toliver discussed the BBQ and Chili and Bean Cook-off. She will need about six judges. Carlos Camarillo and John Boothe will see about getting judges. Carlos will provide music for downtown on Saturday. Debbie Toliver received several items for the Silent Auction. Barbara Friedrich will purchase gift certificates for the parade judges.
 - b) Small Business Saturday
Barbara Friedrich reported that the Chamber of Commerce had received several items from American Express to hand out to the businesses. Egon Barthels will promote the event on face book.
5. Discuss and Consider any action regarding Christmas Decorations
The decorations are being put up. Lisa and Rob Brown will be putting up the rest of the lights in the trees.
6. Discuss and Consider any action regarding Organization Committee
None
7. Discuss and Consider any action regarding Design Committee
None
8. Discuss and Consider any action regarding Economic Vitality Committee
None

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Manager's Report
None
10. Financial Report
Financial report was reviewed.
11. Next regular meeting will be January 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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No further matters were discussed. Egon Barthels moved to adjourn the meeting and John Boothe seconded the motion.

Barbara Friedrich, Recording Secretary

Del De Los Santos, Chairman

Lisa Kay Brown, Secretary