## **MINUTES**

## ENNIS MAIN STREET BOARD ENNIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017 5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order: 5:33pm

(M Sullivan)

2. Roll Call:

(R Winters)

- a. Board Members Present: Betik, Chapman, Culpepper, Davis, Glaspy, Holland, Hejny, Patak, Puckett, Sullivan, Watson, Zembala, Connatser
- b. Board Members Absent: Guiterrez, Haupt, Kovar
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation:
- 4. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. Consider approving the minutes of the March 1, 2017 meeting
    - i. Motion by Holland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hejny approving the minutes of the March 1, 2017 meeting.
      - 1. 10 Ayes
- 5. Citizens request for public hearing:
  - a. No citizen addressed the Board.
- 6. Board Member Participation Agreement:

(M Sullivan)

- a. Purpose of the agreement was discussed.
- b. Each member was asked to sign an agreement and return to staff.
- 7. Finance Report:

(B McCarty)

- a. Review FY16-17 Budget
  - i. The current budget report was presented by McCarty.
  - ii. Hejny gave an update on the Capital Improvement Planning process.
    - 1. Approved contract with Chandler Thinks for branding campaign.
    - 2. City budget meeting will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> in which funding for downtown projects will be discussed and decided.
- 8. Four Point Updates:
  - a. Economic Vitality update
    - i. Farmers Market

(B McCarty)

- 1. Presented Time Lapse Video of opening day.
- 2. Vendors advised their sales exceeded previous opening day years.
- 3. Largest attendance yet on opening day.
- ii. Bluebonnet Festival update

(B McCarty)

- 1. Road closures and vendor check in will begin at noon on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. Downtown merchants extending their hours on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. Wineries placed strategically throughout the festival.

- b. Organization update
  - i. Downtown Merchants Association update

(B McCarty)

- 1. Roger Brooks Video
  - a. Presented "Community Signage" video.
  - A public viewing of the Roger Brooks Video "28 Ingredients to a Successful Downtown" will be shown at the Ennis Public Theatre on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
    - Invitations are going out to City Commission, Economic Development, and Downtown Merchants & Friends Representatives.
- c. Promotions update
  - i. Convention and Visitors Bureau update

(B McCarty)

- 1. Providing a new in color bluebonnet trails map that includes a map of downtown on the back.
- 2. As of April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7,000 maps have been given to visitors.
- 3. 2,000 visitors have signed in at the Visitors Center as of April 1st.
- ii. Communications & Marketing update

(A Colunga)

- Mobile App "Ennis Y'all"
  - a. Provided a video showing the functions of the app.
  - b. As of April 5<sup>th</sup> there have been 4,725 subscriptions to the push notification on the app.
  - 2. Branding Campaign
    - a. Chandler Thinks was the agency selected from the three finalists for the branding campaign.
    - b. Contract approved by City Commission April 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - 3. Main Street Midway
    - a. Presented the graphic designed for the carnival flyers.
    - b. Flyers were delivered to all the schools last week.
    - c. An ad has been placed in the Ennis Daily News with a \$5 off coupon.
  - 4. Pivo Pavillion
    - a. Presented graphic that will appear on the banner placed at the pavilion.
    - b. Half page add will run in the Ennis Now Magazine, Ennis Daily News, and the Polka Fest Magazine.
- d. Planning & Design update
  - i. Historic Landmark Commission update

(N Puckett)

- 1. Approved the patio cover for El Mexicano Grill on March 21st.
- 9. Adjournment: 6:26pm

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Main Street Secretary