

**MINUTES
ENNIS MAIN STREET BOARD
ENNIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WEDNESDAY JULY 1, 2015
5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call:
 - a. Board Members Present: Patak, Kovar, Zembala, Holland, Sullivan, Glaspy, Beard, Lindauer, Davis, Guterrez
 - b. Members Absent: Beard, Haupt, Puckett, Chapman, Howard
 - c. Staff Present: Nelson, McCarty and Rokas
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
4. Invocation was offered by Mr. Nelson
5. The Minutes of June 3, 2015 were considered for approval.
 - a. Motion by Beard; second by Holland to approve the minutes of June 3, 2015 as presented.
 - b. Ten Ayes
6. Citizens Request for Public Hearing:
 - a. Christmas Celebration (B Marshall)
 - i. New Hope Churches Christmas celebration was discussed by the Board.
 - ii. Action: Consider a resolution of support for the Christmas celebration.
 - iii. Motion by Beard; second by Davis to approve the resolution of support.
 - iv. Ten Ayes
 - b. Façade Grant Application (113 W Knox) (D Dlabaj)
 - i. Mr. Dlabaj presented his vision for the restoration of 113 W. Knox and asked the Board to approve a façade grant application.
 - ii. Staff reviewed application and recommended approval.
 - iii. Action: Consider approving the façade grant application for 113 W. Knox in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 and contingent upon receipt of the Certificate of Appropriateness.
 - iv. Motion by Beard; second by Holland to approve the grant.
 - v. Ten Ayes
7. New Business
 - a. Four Point Committee Update
 - i. Zembala - reported recruiting team members but no meeting had been conducted.
 - ii. Puckett – absent no update provided
 - iii. Davis – reported recruiting team members but no meeting had been conducted.
 - iv. Beard – reported recruiting team members but no meeting had been conducted
 - b. Main Street Coordinator
 - i. McCarty provided an update of the activities listed below.
 1. Freedom Festival

2. Farmers Market
 3. Façade Design Requests
 4. Texas First Lady Visit
- c. Economic Development Coordinator Update
- i. Nelson provided update of the activities listed below.
 1. Alcohol Distance issue
 2. Residential development on the ground floor
 3. Sidewalk Cafés
 4. Comprehensive Plan
 5. TIRZ Feasibility Study
 6. EDC Budget

8. Old Business:

- a. Downtown Master Plan
- i. Ashley Shook, Robin McCaffrey and Craig Melde provided a presentation regarding the next steps for Downtown Master Plan
 - ii. Re-introductions:
 1. Favorite aspect of downtown and why?
 - a. There was open discussion about why downtown is important to you and to give an example. Examples offered were: Fredericksburg, Baltimore, Riverwalk, Bryan, McKinney and Georgetown to name a few.
 - b. The reason most often given as to why this place or that place was special – was because of the unique and special experience each had while visiting that place. While each location has significantly different physical characteristics, all left the visitor with a feeling of having experienced something special.
 2. Interest in downtown (owner, investor, etc)
 - iii. Current Events and Preliminary Observations:
 1. Board provided an update on most recent events in Downtown and Ennis in general, big and small, to form a current context, socially, economically, politically, environmentally, etc.
 2. Mesa shared with the Board preliminary observations of the downtown area and sought feedback from the Board.
 - iv. Setting Expectations:
 1. Discussed the scope of work (deliverables and roles)

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 Pm

10. Next Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday August 5th, Chamber of Commerce board room at 5pm.



MS Board Secretary