

MINUTES
ENNIS MAIN STREET BOARD
ENNIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: (M Sullivan)
2. Roll Call: (B McCarty)
 - a. Board Members Present: Patak, Kovar, Zembala, Holland, Sullivan, Glaspy, Beard, Davis, Guitierrez, Holley, Haupt, Puckett, Culpepper
 - b. Members Absent: Beard, Chapman, Watson, Howard
 - c. Staff Present: Nelson, McCarty and Rokas
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
4. Invocation was offered by Mr Nelson
5. Approval of Minutes: (M Sullivan)
 - a. Consider approving the minutes of July 1, 2015
 - b. Minutes were not available for approval and will be presented at the next meeting.
6. Citizens request for public hearing (agenda items): (M Sullivan)
 - a. Mr. Luis Morales addressed the board regarding the need for assistance for the cost of installing a grease trap. Mr Morales explained the cost of installing a grease trap was prohibitively high when compared to the cost of operating a food service establishment. Mr Nelson explained to the Board, the issue of grease traps was a common challenge in high density downtowns areas. Many Cities provide some sort of financial assistance to offset the cost of installing and operating grease traps. Ms Sullivan thanked Mr Morales and said the executive board would discuss.
7. Four Point Committee Updates:
 - a. Organization Committee (D Zembala)
 - i. Provided an update and discussed a potential partnership with the Ennis Historical Society.
 - ii. Is coordinating with the SOKOL about sponsoring a Make-It-At-The-Market Activity
 - iii. Next committee meeting is Aug 27
 - b. Promotions Committee (N Puckett)
 - i. Discussed having a Mini Car Wash during the August Make-It-At-The-Market.
 - c. Planning & Design Committee (B Davis)
 - i. Reported the committee was looking at potential logos.
 - d. Economic Restructuring Committee (B Beard)
 - i. Mr Beard was absent – no update was provided
8. Main Street Coordinator Update: (B McCarty)
 - a. Texas Downtown Association Sponsorship
 - i. Ms McCarty provided a description of the TDA sponsorship and asked the board to approve funding. Jake Holland offered to be the Chairperson for this event.

- ii. Consider approving funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for a Texas Downtown Association Sponsorship and forming a "TDA Committee".
 - iii. Motion by Glaspy; second by Holland to approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for a Texas Downtown Association Sponsorship and forming a "TDA Committee".
 - iv. Ten Ayes
- b. State of Texas, First Lady Visit
 - i. Ms McCarty provided a description of the event. Betty Glaspy offered to be the Chairperson
 - ii. Consider approving funding in an amount not to exceed \$750 for the State of Texas, First Lady visit and forming a "First Lady Visit Committee".
 - iii. Motion by Glaspy; second by Davis to approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$750 for the State of Texas, First Lady visit and forming a "First Lady Visit Committee".
 - iv. Ten Ayes
- c. Fall Festival Update
 - i. There are approximately 21 vendors signed up for Autumn Days Fall Festival to be held on October 17th.
- d. Lights of Ennis Update
 - i. Lights of Ennis Committee is meeting on August 14.
 - ii. Downtown and Pierce Park trees will be cleaned of old lights on Saturday, Sept 12. Ellis County Adult Probationers will provide supervisors and labor.
- e. MS Board Training
 - i. Ms McCarty described MS Board Training.
 - ii. Consider approving funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for MSB training.
 - iii. Motion by Holland; second by Zembala to approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for MSB Training.
 - iv. Ten Ayes

9. Economic Development Coordinator Update:

(M Nelson)

- a. TIRZ Update
 - i. Mr Nelson provided an update about the TIRZ feasibility study explaining Petty & Associates presented their preliminary observations. Indications are a TIRZ is a feasible mechanism to fund downtown initiatives. However; the consultant cautioned that because the TIRZ boundary is almost completely, the increment would most likely be small for quite some time.
- b. Grants Update
 - i. Mr Nelson discussed the three newest grants.
 1. Façade Grant 113 W Knox
 2. HP Grant 210 N Dallas
 3. HP Grant Application for 204 W Knox

10. Board meeting was Adjourned at 6:16 Pm.


Betty Glaspy
Ennis Main Street Secretary