

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRING
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

Present: G.V. Hughes, Sara Gibson, Janet Hamner, Prissy Massey

Absent: Roy Pelton

Staff: Johnny Vance, Dir. Com. Dev., Jennifer Graham, Administrative Asst.,
Marc Maxwell, City Manager

Others: Art Romanat, Don Roundtree, Tammy Olague, Rita Edwards, Joy Wilson,
Billie Ruth Standbridge, Shelly Massey, Brad Massey, Susan Jones,
Angela Hughes, Jackie Thornton

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

DRB Chairman G.V. Hughes called the regular meeting of the Downtown Revitalization Board to order at 6:30 P.M..

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2007:

A motion was made by Priscilla Massey and seconded by Sara Gibson to approve the minutes of August 21, 2007. Motion carried, all voting aye.

PRESENTATION BY MARC MAXWELL ON TAX INCREMENT FINANCING:

Marc showed a presentation on how tax increment financing would work and how it would be used to impact improvements Downtown.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MAIN STREET DESIGN CREATED BY IAN LOCKWOOD PRESENTED BY JOHNNY VANCE:

Ian Lockwood and his associate, B.N. Mohabeer, of Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin, were in the City for three days and went around talking to businesses on the square to get information on what their needs were. With this suggested information, the design for Main Street would be for it to continue to be a two way street and keep parallel parking in place. Another suggestion was that the streets be made of brick and the sidewalks stay concrete. The street lanes on Main Street would become 10' with landscape/hardscape on each side. The four way stop at Davis and Main would become a four way stop without lights but with street signs. There would also be a design to make it possible for there to be a way to get to the square by being able to turn left. A motion was made by Janet Hamner and seconded by Priscilla Massey to send forward to the City Council the designs presented for consideration. Motion carried, all voting aye.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CONCEPT DRAWING FOR DOWNTOWN PUBLIC PLAZA.

During Ian Lockwood's visit to give suggestions for the improvement of Main Street's design, suggestions came up about designs for the Square. One of those being that the Square would become two-way traffic with back in parking. These ideas would significantly affect the look of the Square and alter ideas of the presentation done by the Veteran's Board made at the August meeting. Concerns for businesses were the loss of parking places and the concerns for the Veteran's Board was that the piece of property originally given to them would be cut down significantly and possibly moved to another part of the Square. It was decided that City Staff together with the Veteran's Board and the Downtown Business Alliance would come together to try and come to a compromise that would satisfy the needs of both the Veteran's Board and the Downtown businesses.

ADJOURN:

With no other business before the Board, a motion was made by Priscilla Massey and seconded by Sara Gibson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.