

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS  
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 18, 2009

Present: Sara Gibson, Roy Pelton, Becky Flippin, G. V. Hughes

Absent: Joy Wilson

Staff: Johnny Vance, Dir. Of Comm. Dev., Jennifer Graham, Administrative Asst.

Other: Rick Murray, Billie Ruth Standbridge, Deanna Hasten, Scott Keys, Kristi Hayes, Kenneth Hayes, Jason Tully

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

DRB Vice-Chairperson Sara Gibson called the meeting of the Downtown Revitalization Board to order at 6:30 P.M. DRB Chairman G.V. Hughes arrived at the meeting at 6:37 P.M. and took over the duties of running the meeting at that time.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2009:**

A motion was made by Roy Pelton and seconded by Becky Flippin to approve the minutes of July 21, 2009. Motion carried, all voting aye.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FACADE GRANT GUIDELINES REGARDING THE TIME LIMIT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO A FACADE.**

A motion was made by Becky Flippin and seconded by Roy Pelton to table this issue and schedule a workshop for the next meeting to review the Downtown Design Guidelines currently in place and make any changes the Board feels necessary to improve those guidelines. If any changes are made they will have to go before the City Council for final approval. Motion carried, all voting aye.

**DISCUSSION/AWARD ON A REQUEST FOR A FACADE GRANT FOR 219 & 221 MAIN ST.:**

A motion was made by G.V. Hughes and seconded by Becky Flippin to approve the Façade Grant request for 219 & 221 Main St in the amount of \$20,000.00. At the last meeting this request was tabled due a time limit question. The dates for starting and completing the project were changed and brought to within the six month time frame required by the Façade Grant Guidelines. Motion carried all voting aye.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON A REQUEST TO DISPLAY PUBLIC ART AT 115**

**JEFFERSON:**

Billie Ruth Standbridge spoke on behalf of this request. The quilt pattern has been commissioned and will be placed on the east side of 115 Jefferson prior to the Fall Festival. Gary Spraggins will direct the installation of the quilt art. Staff informed Mrs. Standbridge that if at any time the art piece fails to be maintained properly and/or the policies regarding public art are later defined and it no longer fits with the character then it will be moved from the location and she agreed to that stipulation. Motion carried all voting aye.

**DISCUSSION/AWARD ON A REQUEST FOR A FAÇADE GRANT FOR 229**

**MAIN ST.:**

A motion was made by Roy Pelton and seconded by Becky Flippin to approve the Façade Grant request for 229 Main St. A question about whether or not the store front windows were going to be dark glass was brought up. Scott Keys attended the meeting and let the Board know that the windows would be clear glass. The projected date to open is November 8, 2009. Motion carried, all voting aye.

**DISCUSSION/AWARD ON A REQUEST FOR A FAÇADE GRANT FOR 109**

**JEFFERSON:**

Jason Tully spoke on behalf of his request. Staff recommended denial of the request due to it being an incomplete submittal and that the sign requested was too large according to the guidelines set forth in the Sign Ordinance as well as those for Downtown. The Board gave suggestions to Mr. Tully on how to renovate the front of the building to more of the period style versus what he was requesting. It was suggested that the front window be changed to clear glass and to install shutters on the inside to help with weather related issues and to create more privacy. Also, the sign should be brought down from the top of the building and painted in a gold leaf on the window. This would solve the problem of the sign being too large. Mr. Tully is going to go back and revise his request and bring it back next month. The Board will then review it and determine if a Façade Grant should be issued.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURN:**

With no other business before the Board, a motion was made by Sara Gibson and seconded by Becky Flippin to adjourn the meeting of August 18, 2009 at 7:22 P.M. Motion carried, all voting aye.