

Central Business Improvement District

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2010 10:00 a.m.

Second Street Live, 101 North 2nd

Attendance: Chairman; Richard Griffin, Sec. /Treas.; Sam T. Sicard, Bill Hanna, Jeff Pryor, Phil White, Rodney Ghan and Staff Jayne Hughes. Absent: Bennie Westphal.

Others in Attendance: David Kerr, Hanna Kerr, David Harris, Linda Gurlen, Ben Boulden, Bill Black, John McIntosh.

Call to Order:

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from April 15th & April 30th were presented. A motion to approve both of the previous month's minutes was made by Hanna with a 2nd from Sicard. Motion passed by a 6- 0 vote.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report for April was presented by Sec. /Treasurer Sicard. Motion to approve the treasurer's reports for the previous months was made by Hanna, second by White, Motion passed by a 6 - 0 vote.

Commissioners Forum:

Chairman Griffin recommended we continue to pursue the art work for the west wall on the CBID building located at 701 Rogers. Hughes reported that Graphic Services has measured the spaces where the panels would be located and that she would be bringing an example to the next meeting. There are 3 opportunities for panels, 2 large spaces and then one smaller one. Griffin stated that he had discussed this opportunity with the Marshals Museum staff and that they would be interested in possibly funding some of the space. White suggested promoting the Museum District. Hughes will bring something to be used as a starting place for the next meeting. We will need to be careful to not turn this into an outdoor advertising spot since we are trying to encourage the removal of this along Garrison. Hughes also suggested using one of these spaces for festivals and one for the Museum District. Griffin asked Mr. Black if they, the National Historic Site, would be interested in participating.

Mr. Ghan presented an idea about food trucks setting up as concessions for an event in the district. There was discussion about this and the Farmer's Market. Hughes reported that even this early in the season we have 15 vendors at the market. Encouragement for participation with Downtown restaurants will continue. We currently have Cara's Kitchen and Tammy's Tamale's participating.

Hughes gave an update on new projects: Mojo's and the residential units, new construction at 5th and Garrison, two new retailers with The Pink Zebra and Beth's Less and More. Mr. White mentioned he has just leased the 505 location to a new photography studio and that Blazen Burrito is making progress on their plans.

Griffin told the group that he would be placing a plaque on the façade on the south side of Garrison in the 300 block. In reference to questions that come up on what buildings are registered as part of the Garrison Avenue Historic District, Hughes distributed the listing of these structures to the Commissioners. She asked that they keep this on file, as this designation of Contributing or Non Contributing determines to some degree the level of opportunity to apply for the Historic Tax Credits that are available to developers. She also reminded the commissioners that this was not the inventory of the CBID but only the buildings within the historic district. Towson Avenue is being considered but has not yet been agreed upon as a possible historic designation.

Mr. White brought up the Design Guidelines and wanted to know where we were on the progress of the update. Hughes agreed to bring the draft of the update to the next meeting. She also said that she would email the commissioners the draft so that they could make comments and changes. Again the CBID wants first glance at all projects within the CBID boundary.

Mr. McIntosh gave the district a complement on the appearance of the area. He said that he listens to the comments from the performers that visit Second Street Live and they are all impressed with our Downtown.

Ms. Hughes announced that the Second Street Live facility is available for rentals during the season especially in their off season through the summer. The Commissioners ended the meeting and took a tour of the facility.

The meeting adjourned at 10: 50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Hughes