

Board Minutes
Public Improvement Assessment District
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT : Lars Keim, Bill DeBrooke, Frank Hale, June Ramirez, Robert Rodriguez, Steve Aune, Charlie Perez, Jo Wagner, Stephanie Sokolosky

ABSENT MEMBERS : Jaime Rodriguez, John Pearcy, Robert Rodriguez

OTHERS PRESENT : Edward Meza, Downtown Manager; Rick Kelley, Valley Morning Star; Ray DeBrooke, Guest; Alexis Alaniz, Redevelopment Specialist; Gabe Gonzales, Asst. City Manager.

Chairman Lars Keim called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m, January 14, 2020, at 209 W. Jackson, Harlingen, Texas.

Agenda Item No. I WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Keim welcomed board members, staff, and guests.

Agenda Item No. II CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None.

Agenda Item No. III MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2019 & SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2019

Mr. Keim asked members of the board if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2019. After brief review, Mr. Aune made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. DeBrooke seconded the motion. Mr. Keim asked if there were any corrections. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Keim asked members of the board if there was a motion to approve the minutes of special meeting of December 16, 2019. After brief review, Mr. Aune made a motion. Mr. DeBrooke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. IV FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Keim invited Mr. Meza to speak on this item. Mr. Meza reported that out of the Special Assessments Grants for the fiscal year of 2019-2020 we originally allocated \$30,000 for the year and we currently have a remaining balance of \$27,073.54. In regards to the Public Improvements, there is a remaining balance of \$16,831.88.

Mr. Keim excused himself from the room at this time and meeting continued with a quorum.

Agenda Item No. V CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SIGN DESIGN OF “STRONGHOLD SECURITY” LOCATED AT 211 E. MONROE ST. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.

Mr. Aune made a motion to table the item. Mrs. Ramirez seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. Meza explained that the decal sign will be on the door. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keim returned and the meeting continued with a quorum.

Agenda Item No. VI CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SIGN DESIGN OF “MAKE IT PERSONAL” LOCATED AT 111 E. JACKSON ST. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.

Mr. DeBrooke made a motion to take it off the table. Ms. Wagner seconded. Mr. Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Meza explained that the vinyl is turning dark on the current signage and wants to keep the same design. Dr. Sokolosky made a motion. Mr. DeBrooke seconded. Mr. Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. VII CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SIGN GRANT FOR “MAKE IT PERSONAL” LOCATED AT 111 E. JACKSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.

Mr. De Brooke made a motion to table this item. Mrs. Ramirez seconded. Mr. Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. VIII CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SIGN DESIGN OF “FRONTIER DIRECT PRIMARY CARE” LOCATED AT 224 E. JACKSON ST. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.

Mr. Aune made a motion. Mrs. Ramirez seconded. Mr. Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. IX CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SIGN GRANT FOR “FRONTIER DIRECT PRIMARY CARE” LOCATED AT 224 E. JACKSON ST.

Ms. Wagner made a motion. Mr. Aune seconded. Discussion followed. The total will be revised to \$1,859.25. Ms. Wagner modified her motion for the corrected amount. Mr. Aune seconded. Mr. Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. X CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE WINDOW TINT FOR THE WINDOWS AT “FRONTIER DIRECT PRIMARY CARE” FOR PRIVACY OF CLIENTS LOCATED AT 224 E. JACKSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.

Mr. Perez made a motion. Ms. Wagner seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. DeBrooke explained that the D.I.D. Board doesn't approve window tint specifically with tint that you can't see in. He suggested recommendations such as blinds or curtains. Mr. DeBrooke made a motion to deny. Mr. Aune seconded. Mr. Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. XI CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE \$500 TO PURCHASE CHRISTMAS DECORATIVE GARLAND FOR THE CORNER LAMP POSTS ON JACKSON ST.

Mr. Aune made a motion. Mrs. Ramirez seconded. Mr. Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. XII CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE \$800 TO REPAIR AND RESTORE THE MURAL TITLED “SILVER SCREEN CINEMA” LOCATED ON 1ST AND JACKSON ST ON EAST WALL OF THE RIALTO EVENT CENTER

Ms. Wagner made a motion. Mr. Aune seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. XIII CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MURAL CONCEPT FOR A NEW MURAL AT 122 N. A ST (NEW YORK DELI)

Mr. Aune made a motion. Ms. Wagner seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. Meza explained that this mural on this building was started with no approval. No concept was given to the downtown office. Mr. Keim questioned if we would need to table the item if the property owner doesn't want this on his property. Ms. Wagner made a motion to deny the item. Mr. Hale seconded. Mr. Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. XIV CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE \$50 PER MONTH FOR A TOTAL OF \$150 FOR MUSIC ON THE PLAZA MUSIC SERIES FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH OF 2020.

Mr. DeBrooke made a motion. Ms. Wagner seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. Meza explained that Angel Corsi would like to bring artist to Harlingen Art Night and is requesting \$50 per month to get better production for this event. Mr. DeBrooke stated that the \$50 will go to the musicians. Mr. Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. XV CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AN ACTIVE SHOOTING SEMINAR TO BE HOSTED BY ED SOKOLOSKY AND HELD AT THE JACKSON SQUARE EVENT CENTER ON A SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY FOR DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

Mr. DeBrooke made a motion. Ms. Wagner seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. Meza explained that Mr. Sokolosky just wanted the approval to host this seminar. Mr. Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. XVI CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY OF HARLINGEN THE INCLUSION OF THREE BLOCKS OF W. JACKSON ST. IN THE LA PLACITA SECTION INTO THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 159.179 OF CHAPTER 159 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Ms. Wagner made a motion. Mr. Aune seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. DeBrooke explained that he has the petition that was signed by property owners which is more than 80% to include W. Jackson in the downtown district. Mr. Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keim excused himself from the room at this time and meeting continued with a quorum.

Agenda Item No. XVII CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR AN EXISTING WINE BAR (CARLITO'S WINE BAR) LOCATED AT 204 W. JACKSON ST.

Ms. Wagner made a motion. Mr. Aune seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. Meza explained that there is a change of ownership. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keim returned and the meeting continued with a quorum.

Agenda Item No. XVIII MANAGERS REPORT

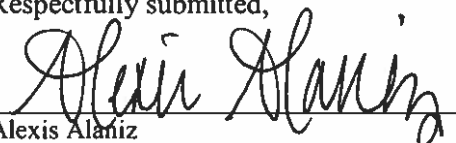
Mr. Meza asked if they had any questions on his manager's report. No questions were given.

Agenda Item No. XIX ADJOURN

With no further items to discuss, Mr. Keim called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wagner made a motion. Mr. Aune seconded. Mr. Keim adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Alexis Alaniz