

Board Minutes
Public Improvement Assessment District
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT : Lars Keim, Bill DeBrooke, June Ramirez, Robert Rodriguez, Stephanie Sokolosky, John Percy, Charlie Perez, Frank Hale

ABSENT MEMBERS : Jaime Rodriguez, Jo Wagner, Steve Aune

OTHERS PRESENT : Alexis Alaniz, Downtown Director; Norma Gonzalez, Redevelopment Specialist; Gabriel Gonzalaz, Guest; Rick Kelly, Guest; Raymond Reyes Guest

Chairman Lars Keim called the meeting to order at 12:02p.m, January 5, 2021, at 209 W. Jackson via Zoom Video Conference, 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 1, 2020

Mr. Keim asked members of the board if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 1, 2020. Mr. Perez made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Sokolosky seconded the motion. Mr. DeBrooke followed up with a question regarding item #7. Discussion followed. Mr. DeBrooke stated that the business is currently selling alcohol without a permit, which the board did not approve of. This item #7 will be put on hold until further notice. Mr. Keim called for a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment. Mr. Perez made a motion. Mr. DeBrooke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. IV FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Keim invited Ms. Alaniz to speak on this item. Ms. Alaniz reported in our Special Assessments Grants for the fiscal year of 2020-2021 we have a balance of \$24,361.54. In regards to the Public Improvements, there is a remaining balance of \$12,788.38 with everything being paid off except for Juan's Streetscape budget.

Agenda Item No. V CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE STORE FRONT DESIGN FOR “212” LOCATED AT 212 E. JACKSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XVIII- DOWNTOWN DISTRICT OVERLAY.

Ms. Alaniz explained the property owner has submitted some designs for the storefront. The property owner did a little bit of research and our Executive Board has requested to meet with her to discuss the design. Ms. Alaniz asked to table the item. Mr. DeBrooke moved to table the item. Mr. Hale second the motion. Mr. Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. VI CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE OF THE EVENT, “JACKON ST. UNITED HARLINGEN TX FESTIVAL ON FEBRUARY 27, 2021 FROM 12 P.M. – 12 A.M.

Ms. Alaniz explained the owner of The Spot, Raymond Reyes has requested approval of this event. I did get confirmation in word that he had submitted this proposal to the Health Department as well. But the Mayor and Health Department need to approve of any large gatherings, so we would need to get their approval before we can approve of this event. Discussion followed. . Mr DeBrooke moved to table the item. Mr. Rodriguez seconded. Mr. Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. VII DIRECTOR’S REPOT

Ms. Alaniz asked if they had any question on the manager’s report. No questions were given.

Agenda Item No. VIII ADJOURN

With no further items to discuss. Mr. Keim called a motion to adjourn. Dr. Sokolosky made a motion. Dr. DeBrooke seconded. Mr.Keim adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:16 p.m

Respectfully submitted,


Norma Gonzalez