

Board Minutes

Public Improvement Assessment District

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT : Charlie Perez, Larry Keim, Bill DeBrooke, Frank Hale, Steve Aune, June Ramirez, Robert Rodriguez, Stephanie Sokolosky.

ABSENT MEMBERS : Steve Aune, Jo Wagner, Stefania Trimboli, Jaime Rodriguez.

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

Chairman Charlie Perez called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m, July 2, 2019, at 209 W. Jackson, Harlingen, Texas.

Agenda Item No. I WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Agenda Item No. II CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

Agenda Item No. III MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2019

Mr. Perez asked members of the board if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 4, 2019. After brief review, Mr. De Brooke made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Keim seconded the motion. Mr. Perez asked if there were any corrections. Hearing none, he called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. IV FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Perez invited Mr. Meza to speak on this item. Mr. Meza reported that out of the Special Assessments Grants for the fiscal year of 2018-2019 we originally allocated \$30,000 for the year and we currently have a remaining balance of \$23,984.93. In regards to the Public Improvements, there is a remaining balance of \$11,500.

Agenda Item No. V CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE FOR THE ROTARY SHRIMP FEST OF SOUTH TEXAS INC. TO HAVE THEIR SHRIMP FEST 2020 ON JACKSON ST. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020 FROM 1ST TO COMMERCE "A" STREET FROM CAN BUREN TO MONROE AND LOZANO PARK.

Mr. Meza stated that with the success of last year's shrimp fest. The Harlingen Rotary would like to host their shrimp fest for the second year in Downtown Harlingen. Mr. Keim made a motion. Mr. Rodriguez seconded. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Agenda Item No. VI CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE COLOR OF AWNING COVER FOR THE BUILDING LOCATED ON 206 E. JACKSON (FORMERLY 4EVER MEMORIES) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.

Mr. Perez invited Mr. Meza to speak on this item. No colors were presented in this item. Mr. Perez asked if there was a motion to table the item. Mr. DeBrooke made a motion. Mr. Keim seconded. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. VII CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A STOREFRONT GRANT FOR THE AWNING COVER FOR THE BUILDING LOCATED ON 206 E. JACKSON (FORMERLY 4EVER MEMORIES) FOR HALF OF THE LOWEST BIDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.

Mr. Perez asked if there was a motion to table the item. Mr. Keim made a motion. Mr. Rodriguez seconded. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Agenda Item No. VIII CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE DESIGN AND COLORS OF A SIGN FOR THE BUILDING LOCATED ON 417 W. VAN BUREN (DON GOLLITO) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.

Mr. Percy made a motion. Mr. Rodriguez seconded. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. IX CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A GRANT FOR THE SIGN FOR 417 W. VAN BUREN (DON GOLLITO) FOR HALF OF THE LOWEST BIDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.

Mr. Keim had requested we check how much square footage is still left on that building. Mr. Percy recommended we check on signage of windows if they met the size requirements. Sign grant was approved for the amount of \$168.00 which is half of the total cost. Mrs. Sokolosky made a motion. Mr. Percy seconded. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Agenda Item No. X CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE DESIGN AND COLORS OF A SIGN FOR THE BUILDING LOCATED ON 220 E. JACKSON (GRACIES GOODIE'S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.

Mr. De Brooke recommended that the sign will be made out of Aluminum Can. Mrs. Sokolosky made a motion. Mr. Keim seconded. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. XI CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A SIGN GRANT FOR THE BUILDING LOCATED ON 220 E. JACKSON (GRACIES GOODIES) FOR HALF OF THE LOWEST OF THE BIDS ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.

Mr. DeBrooke made a motion. Mr. Percy seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. DeBrooke approved the grant subject to the construction matching the higher bid. The bid should state that the sign will be made out of Lighted Can Aluminum with Acrylic Face LED Lighting, Vinyl printed and laminated. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. XII CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE DESIGN AND COLORS OF A SIGN FOR THE BUILDING LOCATED ON 210 E. JACKSON (EPIC HAIR STUDIO) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.

Mr. DeBrooke made a motion. Mr. Keim seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. DeBrooke approved the design and colors for the subject to remove all of the old signage. Mr. Keim did make a recommendation to staff to please provide pictures of the storefront for future support documents. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. XIII CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A STOREFRONT GRANT FOR THE BUILDING LOCATED ON 210 E. JACKSON (EPIC HAIR STUDIO) FOR HALF OF THE LOWEST BIDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.

Mr. Perez asked if there was a motion to table the item. Mr. DeBrooke made a motion. Mr. Keim seconded. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. XIV MANAGERS REPORT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Mr. Meza stated that the flood that happened on June 24, 2019 impacted the Downtown District. A lot of merchant's acquired and extensive amount of water while other businesses didn't get any water in their building. The Downtown Maintenance Coordinator had picked up a large amount of pounds of debris and furniture from the flood. Mr. Meza also explained that he was going to give a presentation to the Harlingen Rotary Club on July 12. The Harlingen Airport donated a Golf Kart to help our Maintenance Coordinator with daily duties for the Downtown District.

Agenda Item No. XV ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Alexis Alaniz