

Board Minutes
Public Improvement Assessment District
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

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

ABSENT MEMBERS : Jaime Rodriguez, Jo Wagner

OTHERS PRESENT : Edward Meza, Downtown Manager; Raudel Garza, Harlingen E.D.C.; Selene Guerrero, Harlingen E.D.C.; 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, March 3, 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

Mr. Garza from the E.D.C. presented to our board about "Harlingen Helps" which is a small business site improvement and job retention program offered by the Harlingen E.D.C. that will provide, in the form of an incentive grant, up to One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for site and property improvements.

Agenda Item No. III MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2020

Mr. Keim asked members of the board if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2020. After brief review, Mr. Aune made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Percy seconded the motion. Mr. Keim asked if there were any corrections. 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 \$25,214.29. In regards to the Public Improvements, there is a remaining balance of \$15,913.08.

Agenda Item No. V CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE TO SEND OUT A “CALL FOR ARTISTS” FOR THE RAILS TO TRAILS MURAL THAT HAS BEEN PARTLY FUNDED WITH A \$1,820 GRANT FROM THE RAILS TO TRAILS INITIATIVE. THE MURAL MUST HAVE SOME TYPE OF EXERCISE, CYCLING ETC. INCLUDED IN THE DESIGN. THE LOCATION WAS ALREADY AGREED TO BE PLACED ON THE GIRL OF ALL TRADES COFFEE AND TEA SHOP ON THE CORNER OF 1ST AND JACKSON.

Mr. Percy made a motion. Mr. Aune seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. Percy asked how this will be published, and Mr. Meza explained we will put it on all of our social media outlets and newspaper. The Keim called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. VI CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE TO ALLOCATE \$200 FOR THE RAILS TO TRAILS MURAL PROJECT FROM OUR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUNDS.

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

Agenda Item No. VII MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Meza stated that he will be leaving on March 13, 2020. He has accepted a job offer at Laguna Vista as the City Manager. He explained that the office is working on a packet on the new addition of W. Jackson to send for approval from the commission.

Agenda Item No. VIII ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Alexis Alaniz