

# Board Minutes

## Public Improvement Assessment District

### Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

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

**ABSENT MEMBERS :** Jo Wagner, Stefania Trimboli, Jaime Rodriguez.

**OTHERS PRESENT :** Edward Meza, Downtown Manager; Alexis Alaniz, Redevelopment Specialist; Belinda Meyers, Guest; Brett Oberthaler, Guest; Ray DeBrooke, Guest.

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Chairman Charlie Perez called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m, February 5, 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 January 8, 2019**

Mr. Perez asked members of the board if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2019. After brief review, Mr. Aune made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. DeBrooke 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 \$22,910.93. In regards to the Public Improvements, there is a remaining balance of \$7,100, which includes the security lights we purchased.

*Prior to the meeting, Mr. DeBrooke submitted an 'Affidavit on Abstention from Voting' on Item V-VIII. He excused himself from the room at this time and the meeting continued with a quorum.*

**Agenda Item No. V CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE COLORS OF A FAÇADE OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 102 W. JACKSON (TEA & COFFEE SHOP) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE**

Mr. Meza invited Belinda Meyers to speak on the item. Mrs. Meyers presented that the front color of her building will be St. Barts (Teal) color and the body will be Summit Gray. Mr. Aune made a motion. Mrs. Ramirez seconded. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. VI CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A GRANT FOR PAINTING THE FAÇADE FOR THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 102 W. JACKSON (TEA & COFFEE SHOP) UP TO HALF OF THE LOWEST BID EXCLUDING TAX**

Mr. Perez invited Mr. Meza to speak on this item. Mr. Meza stated that two bids were submitted, one from Conquistador Construction for \$8,500 and the other from Guerrero Construction for the amount of \$7,300. Mr. Meza mentioned that it would be half of the bid price that the D.I.D. will pay which will be \$3,650. Mr. Aune 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 PROPOSED SIGNAGE FOR 102 W. JACKSON (TEA & COFFEE SHOP) 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. Aune seconded. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. VIII CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A GRANT FOR THE SIGNAGE OF 102 W. JACKSON (TEA & COFFEE SHOP) FOR UP TO HALF OF THE LOWEST BID EXCLUDING TAX.**

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

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

**Agenda Item No. IX CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE SIGNAGE FOR THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 210 E. JACKSON (CEVICHE) 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. X CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A GRANT FOR THE SIGN FOR 210 E. JACKSON (CEVICHE) FOR UP TO HALF OF THE LOWEST BID EXCLUDING TAX.**

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.

*Prior to the meeting, Mr. Keim submitted an 'Affidavit on Abstention from Voting' on Item XI & XII. He excused himself from the room at this time and the meeting continued with a quorum.*

**Agenda Item No. XI CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE CARTOON (DESIGN) FOR THE PROPOSED MURAL TO BE LOCATED AT THE PATIO AT 204 W. JACKSON (BEHIND CARLITOS WINEHOUSE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.**

Mr. Perez invited Mr. Oberthaler to talk about this item. He presented a picture of the Beatles album based upon the idea he had for the mural. He plans to incorporate artists that were born in Texas that have historical value followed by reference pictures he included with names of the artists. There are roughly 47 artists; Mr. Oberthaler plans to include all 47 artists on this mural. He explains that the size of this mural will be a 6ft x 30ft panel. Mr. Perez had asked Mr. Oberthaler if we would need any special permission to display

these artists in public display, Mr. Oberthaler said he will check in on that. Mr. DeBrooke states that the way the Mural Project worked in the past was by approaching the Director of the Downtown Improvement District with an idea, now the Downtown Director will put together a committee on whoever was interested that will help move forward with this project. Mr. Meza did recommend that we can come up with procedures in which he thought had already been discussed but there was no format. Mr. Meza is looking at other surrounding cities that have a format for this process. Mrs. Sokolosky suggested that we can just look into what were the procedures that were done in the past and take that information to have for future reviews. Mr. Percy suggests that we approve it forward to the Mural Committee and the Committee will make the decision to present it within the next month. Mr. Perez asked if there was a motion to table the item. Mrs. Sokolosky made a motion. Mr. Percy seconded. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. XII CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE UP TO \$3,000 FOR THE ARTIST FEE AND MATERIALS FOR A MURAL TO BE PAINTED ON THE PATIO AT 204 W. JACKSON (BEHIND CARLITOS WINEHOUSE).**

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

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

*Prior to the meeting, Mr. DeBrooke submitted an 'Affidavit on Abstention from Voting' on Item XIII-XIV. He excused himself from the room at this time and the meeting continued with a quorum.*

**Agenda Item No. XIII CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE DESIGN AND COLORS FOR THE SIGN FOR THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 114 N. A ST. (GRASSHOPPA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.07 OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN ZONING ORDINANCE.**

Mr. Aune made a motion. Mr. Hale seconded. Mr. Perez called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. XIV CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE GRANT FOR THE SIGN FOR 114 N. A ST. (GRASSHOPPA) FOR UP TO HALF OF THE LOWEST BID EXCLUDING TAX.**

Mr. Aune 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. XV MANAGERS REPORT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

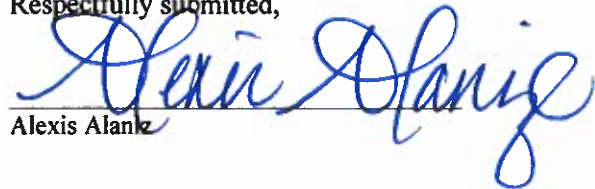
Mr. Meza included that we had a very successful merchant meeting. The Harlingen Police Department gave an update on security. Mr. Meza attended the Real Places Conference in Austin, TX with hopes to bring new ideas to Downtown Harlingen.

**Agenda Item No. XVI ADJOURN**

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alexis Alaniz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "A".

Alexis Alaniz