



MAIN STREET BOARD

A regular meeting of the Main Street Board was held on Tuesday, September 4 2018, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Brenham City Hall, 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

Members present:

Chair Margie Young, Vice Chair Jim Moser, Walter Jackson, Tiffany Morisak, Mark Schneider, Tom Whitehead and Connie Wilder

Members absent:

John Hermann, Jon Hill, and Traci Pyle

City staff present:

Main Street Manager Jennifer Eckermann and Community Services Coordinator Alexandra Dill

1. Call Meeting to Order.

2. Citizen/Visitor Comments.

None

3. Approval of Minutes from Monday August 6, 2018 Meeting.

A motion was made by Jim Moser and seconded by Tom Whitehead to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2018 meeting.

Chair Margie Young called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Margie Young	Yes
Vice Chair Jim Moser	Yes
John Hermann	Absent
Jon Hill	Absent
Walter Jackson	Yes
Tiffany Morisak	Yes
Traci Pyle	Absent
Mark Schneider	Yes
Tom Whitehead	Yes
Connie Wilder	Yes

4. Discuss and Consider Approval of Incentive Grant Fund Reimbursement of \$7,000.00 to Moser Community Media for Work on 101 E. Main.

Jennifer Eckermann reminded that the discussion of this project has been ongoing for several months and now that the project is completed, the Board is prepared to complete the process to reimburse Moser Community Media.

A motion was made by Connie Wilder and seconded by Walter Jackson to approve the Incentive Grant Fund reimbursement of \$7,000.00 to Moser Community Media for work on 101 E. Main.

Chair Margie Young called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Margie Young	Yes
Vice Chair Jim Moser	Abstain
John Hermann	Absent
Jon Hill	Absent
Walter Jackson	Yes
Tiffany Morisak	Yes
Traci Pyle	Absent
Mark Schneider	Yes
Tom Whitehead	Yes
Connie Wilder	Yes

5. Discuss and Consider Approval of Economic Impact and Innovation Grant for \$15,000 for Commercial Hood Vent with Fire Suppression System for Catherine’s Victorian Tea Room at 302 S. St. Charles.

Eckermann began by reminding the group that BCDC funds are a “use it or loose it” fund which will no longer be available after September 30. Eckermann says that by paying this item and item #6, this would utilize the BCDC funds for both projects before the end of September.

Jim Moser, on behalf of the Economic Vitality Committee, recommends to award both the \$15,000 to Catherine’s Tea Room and \$15,000 to the 4 Star Concert Hall. Moser continued by stating that the Economic Impact and Innovation Grant’s intention is to help business that are bringing unique and new entities to Downtown Brenham and the Economic Vitality Committee feels that both are committed to the spirit of the grant.

Connie Wilder expressed concern that this business is not unique to Brenham; that truly Catherine’s Victorian Tea Room will be another lunch venue with similar menu items as many other Downtown restaurants.

A motion was made by Tom Whitehead and seconded by Jim Moser to approve the Economic Impact and Innovation Grant for \$15,000 for commercial hood vent with fire suppression system for Catherine’s Victorian Tea Room at 302 S. St. Charles.

Chair Margie Young called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Margie Young	Yes
Vice Chair Jim Moser	Yes
John Hermann	Absent
Jon Hill	Absent
Walter Jackson	Yes
Tiffany Morisak	Yes
Traci Pyle	Absent
Mark Schneider	Yes
Tom Whitehead	Yes
Connie Wilder	No

6. Discuss and Consider Approval of Economic Impact and Innovation Grant for \$15,000 for Fire Suppression at 4 Star Concert Hall, LLC at 209 S. Market Street.

Eckermann reminded the group that part of the purpose of the Economic Impact and Innovation Grant is to assist businesses in successfully meeting code compliance guidelines. The 4 Star Concert Hall stated in their grant request application that the project budget to complete a fire suppression system is \$31,884.00 and they are requesting \$15,000.00.

A motion was made by Jim Moser and seconded by Tom Whitehead to approve the Economic Impact and Innovation Grant for \$15,000 for fire suppression system for the 4 Star Concert Hall, LLC at 209 S. Market Street.

Chair Margie Young called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Margie Young	Yes
Vice Chair Jim Moser	Yes
John Hermann	Absent
Jon Hill	Absent
Walter Jackson	Yes
Tiffany Morisak	Yes
Traci Pyle	Absent
Mark Schneider	Yes
Tom Whitehead	Yes
Connie Wilder	Yes

7. Update on Main Street Projects Including Scarecrow Extravaganza, Farmer and Artisan Market, Park Street Drainage Project, and Downtown Master Plan Update.

Alexandra Dill stated registration for the Scarecrow Extravaganza is currently open and will close on Friday, September 21, 2018 with scarecrows due Friday, September 28, 2018.

Dill continued that the next First Fridays Farmer & Artisan Market will take place on Friday, September 7, 2018. Dill stated that there a number of new vendors with many favorites returning this month.

Jennifer Eckermann stated the Park Street Drainage Project is continuing as expected with an anticipated October 2018 start date.

Eckermann noted that Main Street will likely work with the firm Kendig Keast Collaborative to complete the Downtown Master Plan update.

8. Brenham Heritage Museum Report.

Tiffany Morisak stated that work on the capital campaign is continuing and the museum has had several donations already.

9. Staff Report to Include Building, Business and Program Update.

None

10. Next Meeting – Monday, October 1, 2018.

11. Adjourn for Tours of Catherine’s Tea Room and 4 Star Concert Hall.

The Board adjourned and some members met with Brian and Catherine Wetmore, owners of Catherine’s Tea Room for a tour of their new restaurant.

The Board then met with Jessie Baldwin, manager of the 4 Star Concert Hall for a brief tour of the entertainment complex.

Margie Young
Chair

ATTEST:

Alexandra Dill
Community Services