

## **Farmersville Main Street Board Minutes August 14, 2017 City Hall**

### **Call to Order, Roll Call, Recognition of Visitors:**

Meeting called to order at 4:45 PM by President Randy Rice. Present were board members Doris Cooks, Mary Berry, Randy Rice, and 4B representative John Politz. Also present were Main Street Manager Adah Leah Wolf, Leaca Caspari, Steve Caspari, Donna Williams, Councilman Donny Mason and Mayor Diane Piwko. No visitors spoke during this time.

### **Consider for approval July 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes:**

There was no discussion regarding the July 10, 2017 meeting minutes; motion to approve by Doris Cooks, second by Mary Berry. Minutes were approved as presented.

### **Consider for approval July 2017 Financial Statement:**

All of the Audie Murphy Day bills are paid. The statement was approved as presented.

### **Review Farmers & Fleas Market plans**

Randy Rice reported that the shed was full at the August Market, with spaces in the field taken as well. Adah Leah was unable to attend. Randy thanked many for providing great assistance, including Clay Potter, John Klostermann, Leaca Caspari, Steve Caspari, Mark Vincent, and Janis May. Collin County Animal Services were there, and a dog was adopted that day. Adah Leah suggested that she and Randy assemble a Market Committee in the next month, including a vendor so that they can learn the processes and provide a smooth transition since the Main Street Manager will be leaving.

### **National Register District events for December**

Randy Rice suggested holding a National Register marker dedication ceremony approximately one half hour before the Christmas Parade on December 9. The board felt that would be a good time when crowds would be present. Representatives from historical organizations will be invited to attend. Mary Berry suggested we select the exact location and check with city staff to be sure the selected area would work. We can plan a walking board meeting to scope out the exact location. We will want to order the Marker soon after the beginning of the fiscal year. The 4B board has placed a line item in the drafted FY 2018 budget for the marker as well as 5 plaques for city buildings.

### **New Manager Search Process**

Adah Leah reported that the Texas Main Street Director is available to provide assistance to the City Manager in the search process if desired.

### **Main Street Program Information**

Adah Leah reported that the Texas Downtown Association recently held a webinar on Main Street techniques, given by the Main Street manager in Denison. She and Randy participated. There is a link to the webinar which will be active for two weeks- it will be sent to the board so that they can view it. Main Street Board training will be given in Celina on September 28 and the board members are encouraged to attend.

**Main Street Manager Monthly Update:**

Adah Leah provided a written monthly report, and highlighted the following: Thanks to all of the Market helpers for their assistance. Adah Leah took some leave this month so she has not sent out a newsletter. The 4B Board will meet tonight and approve their budget. Adah Leah read for the Rike Library Summer Reading Program. Major revision of downtown shoppers guide has been completed. 110 McKinney Street is receiving interior painting and the building is for sale or lease. 119 McKinney business is liquidating, not sure her plans for building. Porter Auto building has a new realtor, Bob Smith, and the inside has been cleaned out. 107 McKinney has sold, to Clint Rybicki. He is a lawyer, and will be leasing some offices. The Post Office is still getting their windows repaired. Kevin Brock is planning to renovate the front of his building (old Cornes Building). Old Time Home Furnishings is now closed, and Debbie Helmberger Photography has relocated from the Farmersville Times building. John Paul Bratcher and Josh Howard have opened an insurance office inside Independent Bank. August 15—free snow cones at Community Health Center. DFW Yarn Crawl from August 18-27 and Fiber Circle will be participating with special events including Friday night pajama parties and sidewalk sales with extended hours. The event brings many people into town. The Bugtussle Classic Car Trek will be here on Saturday morning August 26; everyone is encouraged to come out and greet them.

**Discussion of placing items on future agendas:**

Mary Berry suggested that the 4A façade grants could be expanded to include funding for building improvements that would help the building owner lower their insurance, such as automatic sprinkler systems. She will talk to Chris Lair about insurance costs to see if this would help lower premiums. The next meeting will be Monday, September 11 at 4:45 PM.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Randy Rice at 5:31 PM



Randy Rice, President



Kim Smith-Cole, Secretary