

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – AUGUST 19, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Beautification Advisory Board was held on **August 19, 2025**, at 8:00 a.m. at the Gonzales Main Street / Economic Development Building located at 305 St. Lawrence Street. This was an OPEN MEETING, open to the public, subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Texas and, as required by law, was duly posted at the Gonzales Municipal Building giving notice of time, date, place, and agenda thereof. The meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet were posted online at www.gonzales.texas.gov.

CALL TO ORDER

Staff liaison Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and a quorum was certified.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Connie Dolezal	Board Member	Absent
Jessica McKinney	Board Member	Present
Pat Anders-Ryan	Board Member	Present
Luz Moreno	Board Member	Present
Dee Sengelmann	Board Member	Present
Debbie Tieken	Board Member	Present
Jennifer Gibbons	Board Member	Present
Jean Burns	Board Member	Present

STAFF PARTICIPATING:

Tiffany Padilla – Main Street Director

GUESTS

Isaac Anzaldua - Mayor

Susan Sankey – EDC Director

Madilyn Hendershot – EDC Coordinator

Kelly Madden – Downtown Caretaker

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action approving July 15, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.
Action: Item 1.1 **Approved**
Board Member McKinney moved to accept the minutes for the July 15, 2025, meeting. Board Member Anders-Ryan seconded the motion. Staff Liaison Padilla called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 7 to 0.

- 1.2 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action regarding Market Square clean up, revitalization and replanting preparations and possible volunteer opportunities
Action: Item 1.2 **Discussion Only**
Board Member Tieken updated the board on progress with the Market Square project. She and her team of volunteers met with Keith Schauer, engineer at Doucet & Associates. Plans are 100% complete. Discussion was had with architect and engineer about a possible water feature. This has not been approved yet. It would be an extra expense and would require additional upkeep for the city. If this feature is to be considered, it would need to go back to City Council for approval.

- 1.3 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action regarding bids for fencing around Texas Hero Square Monument to protect the monument and landscaping.
Action: Item 1.3 **Approved**

Board members reviewed the bids for the fencing around the Monument at Hero Square. The bids were for the circular area of 195 linear feet of fencing. Board Member McKinney made a motion to revise the bids to 85' linear feet of fencing to enclose the square concrete area of the monument only. Bids should also be obtained by local welders and approach Spade and Trowel and GEDC for funding assistance. Board Member Tieken seconded the motion. Staff Liaison Padilla called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 7 to 0.

- 1.4 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action regarding permanent installation of LED Christmas lights in the trees of the downtown squares.

Action: Item 1.4

Tabled

Board members engaged in discussion regarding the installation of LED Christmas lights in trees. Possibly be able to change the colors of the light. Other considerations would be drop lights or uplighting with cages around them. How will the newly installed lamp poles affect Christmas lights on Texas Hero Square? Wrapping all the branches would be beautiful but may be too costly. Board Member Tieken made a motion to table this item to give the board and staff time to look at possible options. Board Member Burns seconded the motion. Staff Liaison Padilla called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 7 to 0.

- 1.5 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action regarding Christmas decorations for the Downtown squares

Action: Item 1.5

Discussion Only

Board members engaged in discussion regarding the Christmas decorations. The general consensus is that the current decorations are tired and need to be refreshed or updated. Board will bring back suggestions to the next meeting.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

- 2.1 Report by Board Member Anders-Ryan on Art Club murals to additional walls at Lion's Club Park Restrooms.
Work will resume when temperature gets cooler
- 2.2 Report by GEDC Assistant Madilyn Hendershot, on wayfinding signage efforts
Ms. Hendershot showed the board the design and the location of the proposed wayfinding signage.
- 2.3 Requests by board members for items on a future Beautification Board Meeting agenda
Independence Park Sign
Purchase of 3 additional dog waste stations
- 2.4 Set date and time for next meeting.
September 16, 2025 @ 8:00 am

ADJOURN

A motion by Board Member Sengelmann to adjourn and seconded by Board Member McKinney, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 am. Staff liaison called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 am.

Approved this 19th day of August 2025

Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla
Main Street Director, City of Gonzales