

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
GONZALES MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
MINUTES –MAY 26, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Gonzales Main Street Advisory Board was held on May 26, 2020 at 5:30 PM via telephone conference **pursuant to Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code and the March 16, 2020 order by the Governor of the State of Texas.**

This meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet are posted online at www.gonzales.texas.gov.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Abbott suspended several provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the duration of his statewide declaration of disaster, including the new requirement (added by H.B. 2840 last legislative session) that the public has a right to speak on agenda items. This DOES NOT apply to statutorily-mandated public hearings, such as zoning and similar hearings.

This meeting will be closed to in person attendance by the public. A temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

The public toll-free dial in number to participate in the telephone conference is hosted through FreeConferenceCall.com.

CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Chairman Gregory Webb called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM. The following members were present constituting in a quorum: Connie Dolezal, Meena Patel, D’Anna Robinson, Carlos Camarillo, Karen Jacobs, Debbie Toliver, John Boothe, & Greg Webb. Members Absent: Amy Cernosek and Cheri Lane. Others present were Barbara Friedrich and Liz Reiley.

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Temporarily suspended as noted above.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of April 28, 2020 Minutes

Following Discussion, D’Anna moved to approved the minutes of the April 28, 2020 meeting. Karen second, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

2. Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action on use of stage recommendation for City Council approval.

Liz reported that the Main Street Board was asked to make a recommendation to go before City Council, that the stage be used by the Department Heads for city sanctioned events and not leased to other entities. Discussion was held; Carlos moved that the City Stage only be used by City employees for City events. Connie second. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. **Discuss, Consider and Possible Action regarding authorization to change signatures on SouthStar and Wells Fargo Accounts for the Main Street Program.** Barbara spoke on reaching out to the banks for the name change on the accounts/signature cards, so that new Main Street Personnel would be able to sign checks. She recommended that her name be removed and that Liz Reiley replace her. Karen moved that Liz Reiley replace Barbara Friedrich on the bank accounts signature cards. Debbie Toliver second. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
4. **Discuss, Consider and Possible Action regarding possible date change for bands booked during the 2020 Main Street Concert Series.** Discussion was held on if the bands would be willing to hold our deposit and possibly book for June of 2021. Karen moved that Greg contact the bands in regards to booking June 2021 with current deposit. Carlos second. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
5. **Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding Star Spangled Spectacular and Fireworks.** Much discussion was held on whether or not to cancel the Gonzales 4th of July Concert. As of this time, it was determined we wait until the next time Governor Abbott spoke on restrictions to make the determination by special call meeting. Karen moved to table the decision until after the next conference was held by Governor Abbott spoke. Carlos second. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
6. **Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding no charge for businesses to set up a booth on Confederate Square during the Main Street Concert Series.** Discussion was heard on concert series vendors. D'Anna moved to table discussion until relevant. Connie second.
7. **Discuss, Consider, and Possible Action regarding request of funds from Historic Homes Association for painting of downtown handrails.** Connie spoke on the bid she had acquired from Mr. Landry on the sanding and repainting of the rails in the downtown area. It was determined that we would not have it in our budget to do so and should get more bids before making any decisions.

REPORTS

8. **Promotion Committee Report**
9. **Organization Committee Report**
10. **Design Committee Report** – John spoke with Mark and stage was near completion.
11. **Economic Vitality Committee Report**
12. **Financial Report for month of April** – Connie read financial report
13. **Main Street Manager Barbara Friedrich's** report on two vacancies on the Main Street Board (City secretary will be posting these position availability. Versatile Lodging Texian Heritage Conference Center, 321 Pop Up and Holiday Finance Building are interested in façade grants, Liz Main Street Manager Training Thursday, May 21st
14. **Requests by Board Members for items on future agendas**
15. **Announcements by Board Members**

16. Set date and time for next meeting

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No further matters were discussed. The meeting was adjourned by motion by John and second by Karen.

Liz Reiley, Main Street Manager/Recording Secretary

Gregory Webb, Chairman

Karen Jacobs, Secretary