

Main Street Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2009



Attending: Brian Taxman, Walter “Skip” Rogers, Al Garlatti, Paul Lanaris, Mary Pomerantz, James Polos, Padraic Millet, Jef Beuhler, Donna Ann Harris; James McCrone, Elana Klinger-Rogers

Opening Remarks

Brian Taxman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Taxman noted that Elana Klinger-Rogers’s last day with Main Street Highland Park would be August 25, and he and James McCrone wanted to recognize all her efforts. Mr. Taxman thanked her for her service and commitment, and wished her well in all her endeavors.

Committee Reports:

Economic Revitalization

Did not meet.

Organization Committee

Fundraising: The Planter plaque project is moving along, Paul Lanaris reported.

Promotions Committee

James McCrone brought the committee up to date regarding the progress of the Arts in the Park Arts Festival. The early date had contributed to a slower than usual receipt of artist applications. This year, one change would be the increased participation of HP restaurants, along a “restaurant row.”

James Polos wondered if there were a way to include the seniors in HP by running the senior bus to and from the festival. James McCrone said he would call Sheila Flamm.

Design Committee

Kam Soon Auto Repair got a new sign and awning through the Awning and Façade program.

James McCrone asked if there was a motion to pick up the option for Plant Tenders’ third (3rd) year. During discussion, the Board directed James McCrone to negotiate a reduction in the current fees

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Old Business

Ethan Glickman noted that the Organization committee would be looking to move forward with the redesign of the Main Street office space. 8 years in, the committee felt that there was much that could be done to improve the reception area to look more professional.

New Business

Jim Polos noted that he was involved in a Memorial Day project for next year that would hang photos and remembrances of veterans and those who have given special service in downtown businesses. He asked the Board and particularly the assembled business owners for their input and assistance as the project came together.

Donna Harris and Jef Beuhler would make their draft assessment findings known the following day after further discussions and interviews.

The La Salle University Board governance training session would take the place of the September meeting. Details to follow.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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