

Main Street Board Meeting
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Called to Order at 8:03 a.m. by Theresa McShan

Attending: Sarah Gudenkauf, Jake Carter, Theresa McShan, Katy Gassaway, Krista Marx and Monica Nava, Ed Rivers and Marla Jensen. Marla Jensen joined at 8:35am.

Absent: Stacey Wilhite, due to medical.

Staff: Amy Miller and La'Richer Parks

Public Comment: None

Minutes: January 21 minutes were provided to the board. Ed Rivers moves to approve. 2nd by Sarah Gudenkauf. Passed unanimously.

Financial Report- will be provided at the next meeting.

New Business:

Main Street Manager position- Amy provided an update on the status of the position. Posted on the City of Elgin website, shared with the National Main Street, TX Historic Commission, about four universities. Conducting interviews thank you to Stacey and Theresa for serving on the interview panel.

Main Street Promotional Grants- New applicant: Remember Me Tattoos, Chemn Café and Giant Print. Jake Carter moves to approve the applications. 2nd by Katy Gassaway. Passed unanimously.

Officer Elections- Ed Rivers nominates Theresa McShan for President 2nd by Krista Marx. Passed unanimously. Ed Rivers nominates Stacey Wilhite for Vice President. Sarah Gudenkauf moves to approve the nomination. 2nd by Theresa McShan. Passed unanimously. Sarah Gudenkauf nominates Krista Marx for Secretary/Treasurer. Sarah Gudenkauf moves to approve the nomination. 2nd by Monica Nava. Passed unanimously.

Veteran's Park Expansion - Amy shared the Park expansion Plan and the background on the plan with the board. Recommendations in the Sustainable Places plan adopted by City Council in 2015 included purchasing ten acres of railroad right of way from Union Pacific Railroad, and developing it as community parks space with a transit stop in the future. This plan showed a general linear park space and transit stop. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board spent 2020 developing a master parks plan which is in final stages of review and public input before presentation to council. The elements in the Veterans Park Expansion plan presented here reflect the priorities and needs expressed by the public in that plan.

The plan includes:

- Within Veterans Park:
 - repair existing sidewalks,
- Between Avenue C and Avenue B:
 - installation of a dancing water plaza,
 - green lawn,

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- playscape with shade cover, and
 - concession stand,
- Between Avenue B and Avenue A:
 - dog park,
 - sensory park area, and
 - skatepark area.
- Along all railroad right of way from Avenue C to Avenue A north and south sides:
 - vegetative fencing.

The CARTS transit stop at Avenue C and Central (currently under construction) will provide public restrooms and will include additional sustainable parking with reduced pervious cover. Sarah Gudenkauf made a motion to support the park plan. 2nd by Krista Marx. Passed unanimously.

Assessment and Planning Proposals- board will circle back after the new Main Street Manager is hired.

Updates:

Special events-

Sidewalk Sale- Set for the first Saturdays for 2021. Please share on your social media channels.

Adjourn: 8:59 a.m.