

Main Street Committee

Minutes
January 20, 2005

The Main Street Committee met on Thursday, January 20, 2005, at 8:30 a.m., in the second floor conference room of City Hall, 910 Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas, with the following members present: Bill Finger, Tony Banfield, Sr., Alton Todd, and Pete Garcia.

Carol Jones was absent from the meeting.

Staff member present was Karen Capps.

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 8:37 am with a quorum present.
2. **Approve December 16, 2004 meeting minutes.** Alton Todd made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 16, 2004. Pete Garcia seconded the motion and it passed unanimously in the committee.
3. **Reports from Main Street subcommittees.**

Alton Todd gave an oral and written report on the Entity subcommittee's recommendation for the entity type that should be established. With the help and input from the City Attorney, the subcommittee decided to recommend that a local government corporation (LGC) be the type of entity to establish. Alton stated some of the reasons why an LGC would meet the needs of the Main Street project. An LGC has the ability to accept tax-deductible donations, public and private grants, and is inexpensive and can be easily formed. To create an LGC, it would require City Council approval, although it would function independently of the City. Following discussion, the committee asked for more information regarding how the board would be formed and the board membership type and number of members.

Bill Finger stated that the Director's Search subcommittee met several times and just completed their work. The committee was provided copies of printed information the subcommittee had gathered which included a list of responsibilities and qualifications for the director, salary ranges for other downtown directors throughout the state of Texas, search timeline and job placement resources. It was discussed that it would be best to hire a director once the entity and mixed-use zoning are in place.

Pete Garcia reported on the Business Environment subcommittee's progress. The subcommittee met and discussed what existing utilities are currently available for Main Street. Detention was also discussed. Several approaches to detention were discussed including developing a master drainage plan, crediting detention already done on development sites, and different runoff areas that could accommodate drainage

depending upon the location of redevelopment along Main Street. The subcommittee plans to meet again in six weeks.

4. **Discussion regarding next steps.** The committee discussed possible next steps that may include forming the entity, establishing mixed-use zoning, and finding solutions for detention for Main Street development.
5. **Adjournment.** The meeting ended at 9: 35 a.m.