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Main Street Board
Meeting of March 31st, 2003

The Main Street Development and Preservation Board of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas met on Monday, March 31st, 2003 at 6:00p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

Present: Chair Steve Phillips, members Sheri Borth, Norman Patten, Phyllis Stewart, Lyle Rowley, and Chris Parvin.
Absent: Kenna Prior, Brandon Scott, Bill Watkins

I. Call the meeting to order

Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:03pm declaring it an open meeting with notice of the meeting duly posted and a quorum present.

II. Approval of minutes from the February 24th regular meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 24th, 2003 meeting was made by Phyllis Stewart and seconded by Norman Patten. The motion was approved by all.

III. Staff Reports from Main Street Manager Valerie Gibson

Valerie reported that the First Methodist Church would soon be submitting a site plan for the expansion of their current facilities at Roberts and Belt Line.

She also reported that Budget preparations were underway. Several budget items were discussed and Valerie will be submitting New Program requests for furniture for Pioneer Park, Banners for Belt Line Road, decorative Stop Signs, decorative street signs and banner poles for Belt Line.

The meeting schedule for May will be altered to accommodate Memorial Day. The board decided to move the meeting date to June 2nd, while still holding the regular June meeting on Monday, June 30th.

Valerie also proposed a new event to the board to be tentatively held on Saturday, July 5th. The concept would include motorcycles, and art showcase and children's activities. The date proposed would allow for tying in and Independence Day celebration as well. The board discussed the possibility of holding a Fourth of July event on Friday, July 4th.

Valerie reported that there will be additional signage soon on Belt Line Road pointing traffic towards the downtown area.

Steve reported that Kenna Prior has been removed from the board due to excessive absences, leaving a vacancy on the board.

The gingerbread house is on the market at this time. It is listed for \$157,000 and the lease for Ronnie's Catfish expires in August.

Steve also reported on the progress of the Abernathy House project.

IV. Committee reports from Main Street Subcommittee Chairs.

Valerie reported that the Economic development subcommittee was in the process of reviewing a Lease Subsidy grant for Houston Street Outfitters.

V. Financial report on brick sales

There was no significant change in brick sales.

VI. Discussion and possible action concerning appointments to the Promotions subcommittee.

Steve discussed the need for new ideas and input for the promotions subcommittee. Phyllis Stewart mentioned possibly wanting to revive the Historic District Association. Phyllis agreed to Chair the promotion committee until the committee can meet to elect a new chair.

The board discussed the possible addition of Paige Money, Gina Dorskocil, Jessica Hahn, Naomi Simpson, Loretta Tyner, and Staci Stimmel.

No action was taken.

VII. Discussion and possible action concerning Marketing Grant application from *Southwest Corner Gallery*.

A motion to approve the grant was made by Sheri Borth and seconded by Phyllis Stewart. The motion was approved by all.

VIII. Discussion and possible action concerning proposed Red Robin Site Plan

Jim Riley of Brockette Davis Drake made a brief presentation to the board regarding the concept for the Red Robin site plan. The restaurant will be family oriented and is hoping to open around the same time as JC Penney later this year.

A motion to approve the site plan was made by Norman Patten and seconded by Lyle Rowley. The motion was approved by all.

IX. Discussion and possible action concerning proposed Bank One Site Plan

Brian DeGravelle of Merriman Associates and Architects briefed the board on the proposed Bank One site plan. The site plan includes the landscaping required, with the exception of the required 30-foot buffer along all public Right Of Ways. The percentage of landscaping is more than sufficient over the rest of the property, however.

A motion to approve the site plan as submitted was made by Lyle Rowley and seconded by Norman Patten. The motion was approved by all.

X. Discussion of 2003 Work Plan

The focus of the discussion was the September bond election for the new city hall facilities. Several ideas were discussed for the possible reuse of the current City Hall building and parks building.