

MINUTES
Main Street Board
Meeting of March 22, 2010

The Main Street Development and Preservation Board of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas met on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 6:00 pm. in Conference Room D-106 of the Cedar Hill Government Center.

The following members were present; Lois Cannady, Jerry Korkisch, Albert Mack, Norman Patten and Russell Read. Randall Stewart was absent. Sheri Borth was absent with prior notice. The following City Staff members were present; Don Gore, City Planner, Patricia Bushart, Main Street Manager and Greg Porter, Deputy City Manager.

I. Call the meeting to order.

Vice Chairman Norman Patten called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm declaring it an open meeting with notice of the meeting duly posted and a quorum present.

II. Approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Russell Read made a motion, seconded by Jerry Korkisch, to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2010 Regular Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Review and Consider site plan proposal and building elevations for carport and concrete drive addition to property located at 1010 West Belt Line Road presented by Mr. Carroll Reese.

Upon review and consideration of the exhibits presented and planning department report, Lois Cannady made a motion, seconded by Jerry Korkisch, to approve the proposed site plan and building elevations for 1010 W. Belt Line Rd. as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Review and Discuss Main Street future planning, goals, objectives and direction.

Deputy City Manager Porter began the discussion by thanking the board for their service and commitment to the City, acknowledging the challenges and adversities they have faced in recent months and inspiring them to uphold the legacy they have begun. He encouraged them to continue developing strategies that enhance the aesthetic appeal of Historic Cedar Hill, increase public awareness, encourage growth, retention and recruitment of business and enhance our distinctive character.

Recapping previous work plan discussions the board was reminded that:

1. It is a critical time for downtown with transit rail possibilities, historic preservation, tourism, renewed interests/opportunities, Uptown development successes and future;
2. Board needs a vision assessment that provides clear direction, a road map to understanding downtown's relationship with the City;
3. Challenges that must be addressed include parking, funding, defining critical mass, determining what to do about rail and how to foster buy-in from stakeholders; and
4. Defining the role of the Main Street Board by repainting the vision, advocate for and lead the planning effort, and recommend interim strategies and policies.