

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Main Street Advisory Board of the City of Brownsville, Texas, held at the HR Training Room, 4th Floor at City Hall, 1001 E. Elizabeth Street Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas, on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. with the following members present:

- FRANCESCA LINDER)**
- ANGELINA MACIAS)**
- JOSH MEJIA)**
- TREY MENDEZ)**
- JESSE MILLER)**
- ESTHELA VALDEZ)**

- MIRIAM C. SUAREZ) DOWNTOWN DISTRICT MANAGER**
- BEN NEECE) ABSENT**

A quorum being present, Josh Mejia read the call to consider the following matters as posted and filed for the record in the office of the Planning and Development Services Department on Friday, January 4, 2019.

- 1. Call to Order.**
 With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Josh Mejia at 5:35 p.m.

- 2. Consideration and Action to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held December 12, 2018.**
 Minutes were reviewed by the Board members prior to the meeting. Jesse Miller made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Angelina Macias and carried unanimously.

- 3. Public Comment.**
 No public comments were provided.

- 4. Announcements.**
 Miriam Suarez announced that she would be attending the State Board of Review meeting in Laredo, Texas on Saturday, January 12, 2019 along with the City’s Historic Preservation Officer for the consideration of the draft nomination for the Central Brownsville Historic District.

5. Presentation of the Brownsville Improvement and Growth (BIG) Program by Cori Pena, Administrator of Grants and Contracts with the Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation (BCIC).

Cori Pena presented the BIG Program funded by BCIC that will provide downtown property and business owners with grants for façade and interior improvements, sign grants and rental subsidies for new businesses. A BIG Committee will be formed to help BCIC staff further develop the program and be a part of the application and selection committee. The BIG Committee will be comprised of 2 board members from the Main Street Advisory Board.

6. Consideration and Action to appoint two (2) Board Members to serve on the Brownsville Improvement and Growth (BIC) Incentives Committee.

Francesca Linder made a motion to appoint Angelina Macias to serve on the BIG Committee and a second member will be appointed once the Main Street Advisory Board is complete with all nine members. Currently there are seven members on the Main Street Advisory Board and two will be appointed at the next City Commission meeting in February.

The motion was seconded by Jesse Miller. Josh Mejia abstained from voting. All other board members voted to approve the motion.

7. Discussion and possible Action regarding the update of the Downtown in Action Plan.

The Board will wait for the two board members to be appointed in February to continue the discussion of updating the Downtown in Action Plan. No action was taken.

8. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon duly made motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



Josh Mejia
Vice Chair

Attest:



Miriam C. Suarez
Downtown District Manager