

MEETING MINUTES



MESQUITE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

The Mesquite Downtown Development Advisory Board met Thursday, September 14, 2023, at Heritage Plaza, 111 S. Broad St. Meeting commenced at 4:02 p.m.

Advisory Board members in attendance: Chairman Lisa Haar, Hillary Belknap, Brad Brandt, Belinda Epps, Helen Ethridge, Art Greenhaw, Julie Greer, Dustin Palmer, and Bill Porter.

Absent: Kyle Berry (excused), Natasha Goushey, Carolyn Stoddard.

Staff in attendance: Beverly Abell, Downtown Development Manager; James Johnson, Downtown Development Coordinator; Toyia Pointer, Historic Mesquite; Erica Guajardo, Mesquite Arts Center.

Guests in attendance: Andrew Hubachek, Design Committee Member

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Chairman Haar welcomed all in attendance and declared a quorum.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. The board considered minutes of the July 6, 2023, Advisory Board meeting. Motion to approve made by Art Greenhaw; second by Bill Porter. Unanimous approval.

3. 10 Minutes for Training

- a. Training on Elgin Downtown Overlay is to be held after the meeting in place of the 10 for Training.

4. Public Works Project Updates

- a. No city employees in attendance. Beverly mentioned a meeting with Kurt Cassidy.

5. Four-Point Committee Reports

a. Design

- i. Overlay Projects: Façade projects for 136 E. Main St. and 145 E. Davis St. were tabled as we did not receive the needed documentation in time for the meeting. Motion to table by Dustin Palmer and Seconded by Julie Greer.

b. Promotion:

- i. Johnson reported on upcoming new programming added to the Downtown Mesquite Farmers Market gave update on future projects for Christmas

c. Economic Vitality:

- i. Abell officially announced the closing of Global. Noted that it was an important learning opportunity.

d. Organization:

- i. Abell notified the board that service updates are coming up for some of them and more information will be provided later.

6. Program Manager Update

- a. N/A

7. Reports from Partner Departments and Organizations

- a. **Historic Mesquite:** Toyia Pointer reported on upcoming HMI events including the Mesquite Meander.
- b. **Keep Mesquite Beautiful:** Chairman Haar noted that the Butterfly Ball on Sept. 16.

8. Miscellaneous business

- a. None

9. Adjourn

- a. Motion made by Hilary Belknap to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.; second by Brad Brandt. Unanimous approval.