



Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 23, 2024

Opening

The Meeting of Marshall Main Street Advisory Board was called to order at 8:31am on January 23, 2024, by Chair Cheryel Carpenter in the conference room of City Hall at 401 S Alamo. Blvd. Marshall, TX 75670.

Present

Lacy Burson, Main Street Manager
Cheryel Carpenter, Chair
Raven Lenz, Co-Chair
Kim Brown, Board Member
Marcial Avelar, Board Member
Bridget Wanjiku, Board Member
Lori Acker, Board Member
Richie Arnold, Board Member
Risa Anderson, Board Member
Mary Lynne O'Neal, Board Member

Absent

Zelina Wright, Secretary
Tracy Jackson, Board Member
Brooke LaBouve, Board Member
Stephanie Rhodes, Board Member

Invocation Led by Raven Lenz, Co-Chair

Approval of Minutes from the December 2023, Meeting

Minutes approved. Motion made by Marcial Avelar, and seconded by Raven Lenz
New Board Members were welcomed to the Main Street Advisory Board

Citizens Comments

None

Presentation

Olivia Simmons with Joe Pine Coffee Shop, visited with us about Galentines Day festivities. Thursday February 8th 4:00pm – 9:00pm, this is an annual event that started at Joe Pines and for the second year all downtown businesses can participate. This event is part of The Girls

Night Out event, designed to bring visitors to downtown Marshall, where ladies or gentlemen can get together for games, food, fun, prizes and more.
Game cards with a qr coded for the scavenger hunt and bracelets will be available at participating businesses.

New Business

Nominations were made and seconded for the following 2024 Main Street Board officers.

Chair Raven Lenz

Co-Chair Mary Lynne O'Neal

Secretary Lori Acker

Announcements

Marcial Avelar announced that he has a business interested in leasing the two floors of the old Chase building and that he was meeting with the city to gain approval to complete work on those two floors.

Marcial also announced that the Elks building is ninety to ninety five percent finished and is hoping to open March 2024.

Richie Arnold announced that a contract to buy had been placed on the Black Coffee Records building.

Discussion led by Main Street Manager, Lacy Burson

Main Street Board Survey

Main St America Self-Assessment

Lacy gave us all a better understanding of how these two surveys help us keep and improve our status as a Main Street America town.

She discussed the grading system, deadlines, as well as giving clarity on some of the questions.

Updates from the Main Street Coordinator, Lacy Burson

Street Scaping began in the three hundred and four hundred blocks of N. Washington.

This is the 3rd phase of this project which began with the two hundred block in 2020 and continued Houston St. in 2022.

The Street Scaping project includes the removal of old trees and tree roots that have damaged Marshalls downtown water pipes and sidewalks. Once the removal of trees and sidewalks is completed work will begin on the infrastructure of the water pipes.

Each block is designed to mirror the completed two hundred block, with appropriate trees, new benches and new trash cans.

Each block has one hundred eighty days for completion and should be finished by August of 2024.

Adjournment

Meet was adjourned by New Chair Raven Lenze at 9:45am. The next general meeting will be held at 8:30am Wednesday February 2, 2024 in the Conference Room of City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Acker Secretary