

## **Downtown Advisory Board Minutes November 22, 2005**

Present: Sean Nooner, Steve Trevino, Jose Najera, Tuddy Dominguez, Evelyn Barbutti , Carol Buttler, Assistant City Manager and Sandra Rodriguez, Meeting Coordinator.

Absent: Chris Stiegler, Kevin Christensen and Mark Sunderman.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m.

2. Sean Nooner made motion to approve the minutes of September 22, 2005, second by Evelyn Barbutti. Motion carried. All ayes.

3. Carol advised committee that Jim Carrillo was running a few minutes late. Therefore, Carol began the meeting by going over the drawings that were approved at the last meeting. Committee discussed the cost of grates, trash receptacles and banners. Carol also mentioned the entry sign even though it is further down the road and at a later phase. She asked the committee if Mr. Carrillo had captured the stone, design, stucco, the combination that the committee is looking for. Tuddy suggested that the sign be similar to a marquee sign for advertising upcoming events. He suggested that a local masonry contractor might donate time for the construction of the sign and the city pay for the material. Evelyn stated that the prison may also help with the sign. Sean commented about the concrete being \$10.00 per sq. ft. Carol advised committee that she would verify all cost estimates with Mr. Carrillo. Committee also discussed prices for trash receptacles and benches. Sean stated that the receptacles and benches were priced high and could be bought elsewhere. Carol advised committee she would ask Mr. Carrillo if the prices were retail or discounted price if you buy certain amounts of items. Evelyn stated that everything seemed priced high. Tuddy suggested light poles with planters. Carol spoke about the drawing and asked if it captures everything. The committee also discussed the amphitheatre and stage. Steve asked is the police department had a problem with the closing of 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Carol stated she had spoken to the Police Chief and was advised that they only utilize it when they get called out and they may need to adjust the boundaries and close off some entrances/exits on Ave. K and Ave. M.

4. Draft of proposed downtown design-Jim Carrillo

Committee discussed the different concepts/plans, locations, price of the grates, location of a stage, walkways, water features, occupancy, and events per year. Mr. Carrillo asked the committee which design they liked. Tuddy suggested that a play area for children be included in the design. Evelyn suggested a fence or bushes be placed around the play area. Mr. Carrillo suggested including a pavilion or a gazebo in the design. At 5:46 p.m. the committee walked out to the square area across from the courthouse to discuss the location of the stage and other issues regarding the concepts/plans.

No public in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

**Minutes approved March 7, 2006.**