Minutes: Richmond Historical Commission meeting May 19, 2015 at 8:00 am 600 Morton Street

The May meeting was called to order at 8:00. Roll Call was taken. Quorum established.

Name	attendance
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Barry Beard	present
Ann Council	present
Cindy Drabek	present
Becky Hoss	present
Lonnie Meadows	absent
Claire Rogers	present
Jess Stuart	absent

Jessica Duet was introduced as the New HPO and City Planner. She spoke of her background and experience in the industry.

Michelle Moore was introduced as the new Communications Specialist for the city. She spoke of her responsibilities in her new position and offered to facilitate event information to the public.

"Certificate of Appropriateness" was presented to Blanca Padilla, owner of Chill Out Snow Cones in Richmond.

Rob Tobias gave an update on the economic development planned for the city. He spoke of the new businesses that have located downtown. Dr. Mazza has started his interior building renovation of his medical practice. A new juice bar is planned for downtown Richmond. A music festival is in the planning stages for the downtown district.

Eric Morse, owner of the "Sauer Kraut Food Truck" spoke of his food truck business. He has recently launched his business and is our first food truck vendor. On May 29th, Friday Food Truck begins in downtown Richmond, and the Sauer Kraut Truck is the first vendor in the Friday line up. He will locate his truck on the current Fire Station parking lot during lunch hours. He described his lunch items available from his truck. He also spoke of the permitting process and inspection process. He mentioned he lives locally and asked for encouragement of his business through Facebook/Twitter and other social media.

Barry Beard opened a budget discussion of agencies that have available grants and matching grants for downtown projects. He will be further researching the amounts available and meeting with the EDC.

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The minutes from our April meeting were motioned for approval by Ann Council and seconded by Barry Beard. They were approved.

Next meeting date is set for the third Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 8:00a.m.

Claire Rogers gave an update on the many Museum events. Another murder/mystery dinner theater is planned for June. Additionally, an afternoon tea is being planned for June also. A book launch and signing will be taking place at the museum on June 5th for the Downtown Historic Rosenberg book that has been published.

Becky Haas reported on a concerned property on south fourth street. She brought in pictures of a tree growing from the roof of the porch and general need for upkeep to the grounds and property. This is a historic home that has significant history to Richmond and remains in the family's ownership. She presented the Appraisal district sheet of the property to the commission. Chief Youngblood explained a formal complaint needs to be filed with Code Violations department to open a file on the property. The department will investigate and if there is a violation, then a letter is sent to the property owner. The property owner has the opportunity to voluntarily fix the violations within 30 days. Claire Rogers found the clause in the Commission's bylaws concerning unkept historically significant properties located with in the Historic District. She read the paragraph to the meeting. A follow up to this property will be heard at the June meeting.

Comments from the public: Shereen Sampson commented on the historic home in question. Currently the owners do not live in the home- it is being rented out to a lawyer. She commented on the extensive history of the home to Richmond and the need to preserve such a great piece of Richmond history.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05am.

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