Meeting Minutes for July 2015

Regular Scheduled Meeting of Richmond Historical Commission Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 8:00

The meeting was called to order at 8:00. Quorum established.

Cindy Drabek present
Ann Council present
Becky Haas absent
Lonnie Meadows present
Barry Beard present
Claire Rogers present
Jess Stuart present

Lori Bownds gave an update on Food Truck Friday schedule: July 21 The Sauer Kraut Truck and July 31 Cousins Maine Lobster Truck. Michelle Moore will post the schedule on the calendar for the City of Richmond.

Jess Stuart gave a presentation on Long Acres Ranch. The eco-tourism park is scheduled to open in September 2016. Jess showed a comprehensive slide presentation of the property and all the scheduled amenities for the community. He highlighted the natural surroundings of the park and its location along the Brazos River. He showed pictures of the current campgrounds and the future plans for an entertainment venue and nature center for the public. Additionally, wildlife photography will be encouraged along with kayaking and camping activities for the entire family. Previous to the presentation, Jess lead a tour of Long Acres Ranch for commission members Ann Council and Cindy Drabek, City of Richmond PR Michelle Moore and EDC Director Rob Tobias.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved. A motion by Ann Council and a second from Claire Rogers.

The minutes from the June meeting were approved. A motion by Lonnie Meadows and a second from Ann Council.

Commission Member Claire Rogers gave several community events upcoming: Motor Madness in downtown Richmond, Foster Community Fundraiser, "Murder and Moore" hosted by the Fort Bend Museum, Movie in the Park in Wessendorf Park, a Facility Planning presentation for the Museum.

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HPO report. Jessica Duet presented a sign request from "The Irwin Law Firm". The commission reviewed the sign details, aesthetics, historic accuracy, size, and historic relevance for the Historic District and downtown. A motion to approve by Barry Beard and a second by Claire Rogers. The sign request was approved.

The HPO officer shared that plans are to have the "Historic District" map on our website and linked to the Planning & Zoning website.

The Wayfinding Signs project produced a Task Force for further discussion and sign placement decisions in the Historic District. A motion by Barry Beard and a second by Lonnie Meadows to form this task force passed. The HPO officer gave details on the Wayfinding Signs project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01a.m.

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