



MEMORANDUM

To: Tom Mattis, City Manager
From: Amy Miller, Community Development Director
Date: May 10, 2019
RE: Community Development Department Report April 2019

Historic Review Board reviewed a façade application for 110 South Main Street. The property owner proposed to rebuild the original storefront, remove 2nd story windows that are not architecturally compatible and replace those windows with new metal clad wood frame windows that are the size and shape of the original window opening. The board reviewed an updated façade application for 109 North Main Street that proposed replacing transom windows that were no longer in place with wood frame windows that fit the original window opening area and are architecturally compatible. Both applications comply with the historic district and building plan review processes and meet the Secretary of the Interiors Guidelines for Historic preservation and were approved. A sign application from Double R Hat House was reviewed and approved as compliant. Completed a grant application for the Transportation Alternatives and Safe Routes to School program. The Historic preservation strategic plan committee continued work on a survey to use with the plan. The Main Street Board planned the Imagine the Possibilities tours for May 9 and May 16. MSB in partnership with the Elgin Historical Association held Local Lore, Elgin's History Adventure April 13. MSB continues planning the Elgin Art Studio Tour and Ice-cream Stroll in partnership with the Elgin Arts Association, the Elgin Chamber of Commerce, Studio 621, Earthen Metals, The Clever Tiger and The Open Room.

Projects

- Planning for Imagine the Possibilities Tours May 9 and May 16 to showcase property in the downtown historic district to investors, relators, and business owners.
- Community Cleanup Day held with 12 attendees for April.
- Planned a What is Main Street? program for the local community and area Main Street cities.
- Completed design for and placed order for a new set of banners for Lee Dildy Boulevard.
- Held Local Lore Elgin's History Adventure in conjunction with the Pearls of Youth Art Show.
- Held Hip Hop Shop a new promotion for Easter Weekend downtown.
- Continued marketing and promotion for Music series, Local Lore, Sip Shop & Stroll and Elgin Art Studio Tour.
- Working on Shared Use parking agreements.
- Developed a plan for the revised and updated department section of the website.
- Planned business training classes on social media for April and May.
- Walk and Bike to School April good participation. Supports the ongoing Education efforts required of a Safe Routes to School community program.
- Completed a Transportation Alternatives and Safe routes to school grant.
- Met with potential buyers and realtors for properties downtown.
- Met with property owners about renovation plans and possible tenants.
- Met with business owners seeking lease space.

- City of Elgin E-News
- Social Media: Facebook - visitelgintx, Instagram – visitelgintx

Boards & Committees, Seminars

CAMPO TAC , Advisory Committee

Main Street Board

Historic Review Board

Promotion Tourism Committee

Design Committee

Business Retention Recruitment Committee

District Advisory Committee EISD

School Health Advisory Committee

Clean Air Coalition Advisory Committee meeting

Regional Arterials study Steering committee for CAMPO

MOKAN sub regional arterials study committee for CAMPO

Upcoming Events

May 9 Sip Shop & Stroll with the Imagine the Possibilities Tour

May 13 Main Street Program – What is Main Street? 5:30pm Library

May 16 Imagine the Possibilities Tour and Luncheon rsvp required

May 18 -19 Elgin Art Studio Tour

May 19 Ice-cream Stroll with the Elgin Art Studio Tour

Elgin Main Street Program

VISION STATEMENT: We envision a revitalized and active historic downtown destination with warm hearted friendly people and vital businesses, where ethnic and cultural diversity are celebrated.

MISSION STATEMENT: We will enhance downtown vibrancy through historic preservation and mixed use and pedestrian friendly development, by strategically implementing the National Main Street Four Point Approach of: Design, Organization, Promotion and Economic Restructuring

CORE VALUES (if you have done this): Through a strong belief that historic preservation of our irreplaceable cultural resources in the historic downtown district is vital to the revitalization and economic success of our community, we are committed to supporting responsible repurposing of historic structures and new construction that supports mixed use development through partnerships and a persistent effort to support community focused development and promotions.