

CITY OF ALEDO, TEXAS ALEDO DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER
104 ROBINSON COURT
ALEDO, TEXAS 76008
THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Aledo Downtown Business District met in regular session on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, TX 76008. Chairman Warren Pearson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present were Warren Pearson, Pres McGee, and Randy Keck. Mary Frances Wood was absent Staff member present was City Administrator Ken Pfeifer.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Randy Keck gave the Invocation. Pres McGee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2014 regular meeting.
 Motion was made by Board Member Randy Keck, seconded by Board Member Pres McGee to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2014 regular DBD meeting as presented.

Motion carried 3-0

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion and action concerning façade improvements for the Aledo Christian Center, 241 North Front Street.

Agenda Item #2 was discussed first.

Knox Ross, Aledo Christian Center, presented the façade improvements for the Aledo Christian Center, 241 North Front Street.

Randy made the motion, seconded by Pres to approve the façade improvements as presented, including the proposed canopy (wood and metal), windows, doors, paint color (natural colors in the beige color range) and use of a wood boardwalk as the sidewalk in the front of the building. The canopy, doors and windows will be similar to the other North Front Street storefront facades. The vote was 3-0.

1. Review of completed DBD Historical Research Forms, narratives and photos.

The DBD Committee discussed the progress on this project, and will bring narratives and photos to the next meeting for the Committee to review.

The Committee also discussed the partial demolition of the historic home located at Oak Street and FM 1187. The Crossroads Church had not obtained a permit or approval to demolish the home. The historic home is estimated to be over 100 years old.

The DBD Committee's advice was:

- 1. A sizeable penalty (now and in the future) should be assessed for ignoring the City Ordinances, so that others do not attempt to do the same thing demolish structures without a permit or approval. The penalty would set an example and be very harsh, so it does not happen again.
- 2. Send a notice to the Church, and require the Church to give a written response.
- 3. The DBD Committee encourages business development and a cooperative win-win effort, but the City Ordinances must be adhered to and followed.

DBD COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS

(In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, ADBD Committee members may comment on routine city matters may ask questions of staff that require only responses of factual information or statements of existing city policy, or may request that non-routine matters of public concern be placed on a future agenda. DBD Committee members may not discuss non-agenda items among themselves. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, city staff members may comment on routine city operations and projects. Staff members may respond to questions from others only with statements of factual information or existing city policy.)

Under DBD Committee Comments, Pres mentioned that several North Front Street businesses complained about the Bryant Grain trucks and the trucks blocking traffic. Also, Pres encouraged everyone to shop at Bulk and Bunches.

ADJOURN

There being nothing further to discuss or consider, Pres McGee made a motion, seconded by Randy Keck to adjourn this regular meeting of the DBD Committee at 8:02 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015

Chairman Warren Pearson