

Downtown Merchants of Rosenberg  
January Minutes  
January 10, 2008

President Janice Vyoral called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

Members attending the meeting – Rebecca Covell, Joan Beauregard, Lauren Cortez, Travis Reese, Joan Reese, Janice Vyoral, Moel Valdez, Linda Dobie, Linda Rulau, Sara Martinez, Renee Butler and guest Matt Fielder

The minutes had a correction made to them about the mission statement is to be read at the beginning of every meeting. Once corrected Linda R made a motion to approve and Noel made a 2<sup>nd</sup>. The mission statement was read by Linda.

Report from officers –

- The treasurer's report was read by Linda and approved.
- Linda also reminded everyone about \$50 dues that are due this month.
- Renee spoke about the attractions sign and it can not be done because the town's population is over 5,000.

Report from standing committees –

- Rebecca spoke about Christmas in Rosenberg and it was a great success. Everyone agreed and Noel has asked if she could be on the committee for next year to represent DMOR. There were approx 3500 attendees at the event.
- Rebecca also spoke about the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration this year will include the 125 year anniversary of Rosenberg. More information will follow soon.

Report from special committee –

- Joan and Noel spoke about the billboard. It is up and looks great. The City put up the rest of the money for the billboard. The city under their own contract will pay for banners to be placed during certain times of the year.

New business –

- Matt Fielder with the City of Rosenberg spoke about 2 types of grants that we might be eligible for, HGAC Community Trees Grant and Downtown Public Places Grant. He agreed to get someone from HGAC to give us a presentation at the next monthly meeting. The Community Trees Grant is up to \$6,000 and requires the city to match one to one. This can be used for landscaping. It is required to have a plan on how to maintain this once placed. The Downtown Public Places Grant is up to \$25,000 and requires the city to match one to one. This can be used for streetscape, façade, lighting, benches, sidewalks etc.
- Matt spoke about the fact that the city is now handing out goody bags to new residents.

- Matt also spoke about the Rosenberg Development Corporation Appreciation Reception on February 21, at 6:30 pm – Civic Center. Great opportunity to meet other businesses.
- A&S Graphic Arts man did not show up. He was suppose to present a map that he is selling spaces for. Several merchants downtown have purchased spaces.
- A motion by Linda R was made to change the February meeting to a flexible time that will accommodate the HGAC group for their presentation. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda D. Matt will let us know once a date has been set.
- Noel spoke about TJ from TJ photography and would like her to do a presentation on a 2009 calendar that could be a possible fundraiser for DMOR. The calendars would sell for about \$15. They would be ready for sale in August. She also has postcards that each business could sell and profits go to DMOR. She will contact her for the next meeting.
- Joan would like UP Close magazine to come to the March meeting and present.
- The Fort Bend Herald is now beginning a 52 week editorial about the history of Rosenberg. Noel made the presentation to the Herald and the first article came out January 3 and will continue every Thursday.
- A motion was made to adjourn by Lauren and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda R. Adjourned 6:30 pm.