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Main Street Development and Preservation Board
Meeting of January 18, 2001

The Main Street Development and Preservation Board of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas met on Monday, January 18, 2001, 6:00 p.m. City Hall Conference Room, City of Cedar Hill, Texas.

Present: Vice Chairman Kenna Prior, members, Celeste Faro, Amanda Hall, Norman Patten, Ann Permenter, Wes Pool, and Phyllis Stewart.

Absent: Chairman Steve Phillips, Sheri Borth

I. Call the meeting to order.

Vice Chairman Prior called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm, declaring it an open meeting, which a quorum was present and the meeting notice was duly posted.

II. Approve the minutes of the December 4, 2000 meeting.

A motion was made by Phyllis Stewart and seconded by Norman Patten to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2000 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

III. Staff Report from Main Street Manager Rusty Brewer.

Main Street Manger Rusty Brewer made a report on four items. The first was an update on the progress of the acquisition of land by City Council for a possible government center to be occupied at some point in the future. Mr. Brewer reported that Chairman Steve Phillips approached the City Manager, Alan Sims, soon after the December 4, 2000 Main Street Board meeting. After talking with the City Manger, Chair Phillips met with the City Council on December 12, 2000 in closed session to discuss the possibility of acquiring land near downtown as a future government center site. Chair Phillips reported that this conversation went well and that the subject was on the City Council agenda for January 23, 2001.

Board member Phyllis Stewart asked if a bond would have to be passed to acquire this land and if so, would this affect the ability to pass another bond for a new government center or downtown modifications. Vice Chair Kenna Prior and Main Street Manager Rusty Brewer pointed out that this land acquisition would not require a bond passage.

At this point, Board member Wes Pool asked questions concerning the acquisition of land for a new government center. Mr. Pool asked how many acres would be included, if Chair Phillips wrote a letter to Mr. Sims to initially discuss this proposal and what would be included on a new government center site. Main Street Manager Rusty Brewer reported that he believed a letter was written to Mr. Sims, but that he was not sure and would check into that. Also, Mr. Brewer believed that the number of acres discussed was in the range of 15 to 20 acres but that he was not sure on the exact number. Mr. Brewer also reported that he had no knowledge of what would be included in a new government center site. Board members Wes Pool and Amanda Hall asked that a copy of any letter that went to Mr. Sims concerning this issue be provided for them.

(Secretary's Note: Main Street Manager Rusty Brewer investigated if a letter was written from Chair Phillips to City Manager Alan Sims or the City Council. Chair Phillips wrote no letter.)

Mr. Pool proceeded to state that the Board had not discussed approaching the City Council about what should go on any government center land and that the Board had not discussed acquiring so much land.