

SPECIAL SESSION

FEBRUARY 28, 2017

The Tourism Advisory Council met in Special Session on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Development Services Center, 622 S. Prairieville St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Chet Patel  
Virginia Reeder  
Brad Smiley  
Beth Faulk  
Toni Clay

Thanasis Kombos, Managing Director of Community Services  
Adrianna Hinds, Cultural Resources Coordinator

others present: Johnny Martinez

with the following members absent; Deanne Boswell, and Rae Priestley

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

HEAR PRESENTATION FROM GUEST, JOHNNY MARTINEZ, REGARDING  
THE LAKE ATHENS FLY FISHING TOURNAMENT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 7,  
2017 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017

Mr. Johnny Martinez presented the history of the Fly Fishing Tournament. He stated the tournament will take place at Lake Athens on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> with approximately 200 people in attendance this year.

UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Adrianna Hinds, Cultural Resources Coordinator updated the Council on the Downtown Façade Improvement Program. She explained the improvement area consist of the 9 blocks of the downtown area off of the square. She stated the applications are due on April 3, 2017. Ms. Hinds further stated there is an open meeting for Downtown Property/Business Owners and tenants on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Railway Café.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO A  
DOWNTOWN MURAL PROJECT

Ms. Hinds explained during the last meeting the Tourism Advisory Council recommended a downtown mural project. She stated she began researching buildings for the mural project. Ms. Hinds recommended the location of the old Auto Parts building on Tyler Street.

She stated the building was thought to be owned by the Duff family.

After discussion a motion was made Member Faulk, seconded by Member Reeder to authorize staff to contact the Duff family regarding a potential mural project to be painted on their building. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

There was no discussion.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2017.

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Chet Patel, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary