

Friends of City Hall Special Meeting 9/13/2012

A special meeting of the Friends of City Hall was held on Thursday September 13, 2012 at the home of Amber Menchaca, and was called to order at 6:06 pm by President Judy White.

Heritage Day Planning: This special meeting was scheduled to finalize our plans for Heritage Days. Volunteers signed up to distribute Heritage Day brochures in various sectors of the city. Final versions of our lanyards, brochures, fliers, and Heritage Day Sponsorship forms were distributed. Volunteers signed up to hang the large Heritage Day signs on entrance points to the city. Becky Lepley shared the letter she has prepared to send to all of the participants. A volunteer sheet for Cleanup Day, Set Up Day, and the day of the event was circulated. The Marine City Fire Authority has committed to bring firefighting memorabilia to display. Diane Lovett shared her plans for the Children's Entertainment section of the event. The event schedule for the day was distributed and reviewed.

A revised copy of the Heritage Day Planning Document was distributed and reviewed. Becky reviewed all of the plans that have been arranged to date. A rundown of items still needed to update the Walking Tour was discussed. Judy White feels like the entire document needs to be updated, but would not be able to get to it until after the event. Becky shared her marketing efforts with radio stations in our area. Judy discussed costs of advertising in local newspapers. It was decided that the cost was too much to peruse at this time.

Conversation was had as to items to be included in the time capsule. Ray shared a test mock up of the new time capsule and solicited comments as to its size and logistics. We have all 3 judges secured and committed for all of the Heritage contests. Volunteers were requested to move chairs from the Guy Center to City Hall on September 27th at 2:00 pm. Straw will be delivered on October 5th. We will only be charged \$2.50 for the bales that are destroyed and cannot be reused. Signage for the event has been ordered. Our city lawyer gave an opinion that TIFA members who are also Friends of City Hall members are not profiting from Friends of City Hall, and are therefore not required to abstain from voting on TIFA funding for the event.

Special thanks were given to the Menchaca family for hosting the meeting and for the wonderful food and hospitality.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
David L. Simpson, *Secretary*