

August and projected completion is 90 days. Mr. Head stated Potter County wants to comply with streetscape standards thereby showcasing the Courthouse in the downtown area.

John Kiehl, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, appeared before the Board to answer any questions, and reiterated the additional enhancements would make a good project even better.

Chairman Brown said the project was approved for \$745,000, and the amendment would add \$198,000 for a total project of \$943,000. Chairman Brown stated these figures are \$291,000 less than the original commitment of \$1,234,000. Carol Autry commented Potter County could have requested the total commitment, but only approached the TIRZ Board for streetscape improvements. H. R. Kelley agreed that approving this amendment would make the Courthouse a showpiece and encourage other businesses downtown to step up.

John Ben Blanchard asked if the original commitment made to Potter County was in consideration of the creation of the TIRZ. Chairman Brown stated yes, to create the TIRZ, requires participation by all the taxing entities (except school districts). Chairman Brown further stated the commitment was an incentive to get Potter County to come on board and also work on the long term project of the courthouse.

Carol Autry thought it would be a shame to not update the East side and have all four sides of the Courthouse complete. James Wester felt it was good timing to completely finish the Courthouse. Paula Bliss stated the board has the opportunity to help complete the project.

Motion was made by John Ben Blanchard, seconded by Carol Autry to approve Amendment #2, a request for an additional \$198,000 to the Potter County Participation Agreement, and passed unanimously.

ITEM 3 Report by Chairman on the Amarillo Local Government Corporation (LGC) and DAI Board activities.

Vicki Covey and Marcus Norris reported on the LGC meeting. Ms. Covey stated Wallace Bajjali gave a presentation on the variety of both private and public funding opportunities and options available for downtown development. Ms. Covey mentioned tools available included public financing through TIRZ, EB-5 financing, and tax rebates the City could give for-profit developers. Mr. Norris commented on a draft feasibility study presentation for Civic Center expansion with a market analysis comparing our convention center to cities of our size, including 10 cities in Texas and 10 cities across the country. Mr. Norris stated the market analysis interviewed companies and groups that rent the Civic Center. Ms. Covey stated the Wallace Bajjali development plans and ideas, and the Civic Center needs assessment could come together by mid-August for a presentation to the City Commission.

Chairman Brown asked if the draft released was a needs assessment or a possible expansion of the Civic Center. Ms. Covey replied the draft was the first phase of the needs assessment and included a market analysis, and what space is required by conventions or exhibitions. Ms. Covey further stated the preliminary recommendation is another banquet room the size of the Heritage Room, additional Exhibit Hall space, and increased seating capacity in the Coliseum.

Ms. Covey encouraged the Board to attend a public workshop, June 25th by DAI, to get input on the 50 block Civic Center/downtown area. Discussions will include the potential location of the downtown convention center hotel, the MPEV, and areas around the Civic Center.

Chairman Brown advised the DAI report would be deferred until a later date.

ITEM 4 Consider the 2009 and 2010 TIRZ Annual Report.

Vicki Covey presented the revised Annual Report to the Board. Additional changes were discussed, including corrections to the report for the new site plan of the Potter County Courthouse Streetscape project, adding website information, enlarging the font of financial charts, and a possible revision to Chairman Brown's introductory letter.

ITEM 5 Report on status of TIRZ funded projects.

Kelley Shaw reported the lights are in place and working at both the Fisk Courtyard by Marriott and Happy State Bank. The Marriott TIRZ project is now completed.

ITEM 6 Public Forum: At the end of today's meeting, those wishing to speak about policies, programs, or services that are not listed as an item on today's agenda. Responses are limited to the following during the Public Forum:

1. Recite a policy or state a fact that may address or answer your concern.
2. Direct you to contact City staff for assistance
3. Consider placing your topic on a future meeting agenda for full discussion

Chairman Brown reminded the members and those in the audience that the Board can take no action on matters presented or discussed.

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No one spoke from the audience and there being no further items before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM. All remarks are recorded and are on file in the Planning Department.