

## **Del Rio Theater Committee**

**4-05-07**

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. Introductions were made and then it moved on to discussions regarding the history and connections within the group to get historical pictures of the building when it's use was a theatre. We hadn't received any feedback from the article in the Riverbank News yet. The group will continue searching.

Joey said that they may have some in the archives of the Newspaper, Miguel offered to go to Oakdale and look for any history on the building.

Ideas were expressed regarding the open house with an idea box at the event and then Miguel would like to have one after the event to continue soliciting input from the community. Shawn suggested a storyboard at the event as well.

Shawn and Jonathon will research on the original contractor and builder of the building because it should be in the archives somewhere for at least 100 years. The original design and specs could help with the restoration of the building.

Shawn made suggestions to hire a structural engineer to address the immediate concerns and possibly keep him on retainer for long term. He also inquired about seismic retrofit requirements, Margaret said that they are not required in this area. Shawn said it would be a good idea to have a third party sign off on this so that it releases liability to the Agency.

Jonathon has found that the building was renovated in the 1990's but has had no luck so far locating the architect that worked on the project.

Margaret went into discussion that the future plans are to eventually go out for a Request for Proposal to do a master plan but in the short term we would need to work on cleaning and minor repairs to start having performances while we decide on the future use and design.

Shawn has connections for painters in the hall. Margaret has asked that he obtain three bids for her to review.

The group thinks that we get a "community wide" work group to include organizations, schools, committees, etc. to clean and make minor repairs to the Del Rio and possibly have a BBQ and live music to involve the community in the make over of the venue for performances to take place now, while we work on the future design and use for the long term.

Joey talked about getting "in kind" services to work on the building such as painting, carpets, electrical, plumbing, etc. like the Oakdale project for the children's shelter.

Margaret brought up the fact that we need to repair the roof in the very near future. We will need to go to bid and have this addressed now that we are close to being out of the rainy season.

Kerrie suggested a retractable screen for events that would require one.

For the short term we need to obtain chairs and possibly tables for events. Joey has connections for possibly getting chairs at no cost to non profits. Margaret suggested chairs like those currently at the West Side theatre in Newman.

Margaret discussed the possibility of having a Theatre manager in the future for booking shows and such. Also, hiring a construction manager to deal with all the immediate needs and eventually hiring an architect for master plan.

We also would like to have representation from the Valley Arts Association, Monica will be attending a meeting and will bring it up to the group.

In regards to the master plan the group may benefit from a field trip to various theatres in the valley to gain insight on what works and what doesn't when it is appropriate to work on the master plan. Rich asked the group to think about the possibility of the outer buildings becoming retail, art galleries, dance studio, etc. to keep the "Performing Arts" theme running throughout.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Del Rio banquet room.