

Settles Hotel on Moore Board agenda for Monday

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Staff Writer
Consideration of financial backing for the Dallas-based Settles Hotel Development Co. tops the agenda for Monday's meeting of the Moore Development Board of Directors.

According to Board President Larry McLellan, the item is only on the meeting agenda as an "in-case" matter.

"I don't really expect the board to take any sort of action on the item Monday. We mainly put it on the agenda just in

case something comes up between now and then," said McLellan.

Moore Development directors voted unanimously Dec. 8 to provide up to \$3 million to help a former resident Brint Ryan — manager of the Dallas company and the founder and CEO of Ryan & Company, one of the largest state and local tax consulting firms in North America — renovate the Big Spring landmark.

According to city officials, Ryan and his company agreed to purchase the structure for \$75,000, with the sale expected

to become final by the end of December.

McLellan said the board has issued a letter of intent to Ryan, including stipulations such as:

— SHDC providing Moore officials with a business plan, prospectus and architectural renderings of the proposed project.

— Moore's financial contribution will be on a reimbursement basis; in other words, Moore will only spend money to reimburse SHDC for money already spent on the project.

— Moore Development's contribution to the project will not

exceed \$3 million. The remainder will come from SHDC.

SHDC announced a \$12 million renovation project which includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

McLellan said the ball is now in Ryan's court.

"We've set down our stipulations and I fully expect him (Ryan) to come back with some of his own," said McLellan. "But for now, the ball is in his court. We just have to wait and see what happens."

The board is also expected to

meet in an executive session to discuss ongoing efforts to hire a new executive director for the economic development agency.

"At this time, we're looking very hard at about four candidates," McLellan said. "There are still six or seven we're considering, but we've narrowed it down to four who merit serious consideration."

The board is also expected to consider financial and investment reports for November, as well as a proposal from Robert Floyd.

The meeting is to begin at 5:15 p.m.

RECALL

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idents Shannon Thomason and Robert "Steve" Campbell filed an affidavit with the city secretary's office Nov. 6 to recall the five members of the council.

Also turning in petitions were Thomas Tafuro, Willard Robinson, Cy Barg, John Huckabee and Cindy McGuire.

Councilmen Gregg Biddison and Manuel Ramirez Jr. — who voted against the smoking ordi-

nance — were not named in the petition or affidavit.

The council's 5-2 decision to pass the ordinance has been a controversial one. With few exceptions, it eliminates smoking in all public places — including restaurants. Bars and lounges are exempt.

The affidavit charges that the mayor and four council members "did not act in the public interest and instead acted to further certain personal agendas" and said they placed "unfair and unenforceable restrictions

upon the citizens and businesses of Big Spring."

Walker said she and the rest of her office will spend the next several days verifying the signatures on the petition and making sure they are valid.

"There's no gray area in a situation like this. The signature is either valid or it isn't," said Walker. "If someone signed the petition for District 4 and their voter registration says they live in District 3, that signature will be thrown out. In the end, the result of the petition is going depend on how

well the petition organizers managed their end of it."

Walker said she expects to have the official results of the petition by the end of next week.

"We plan to start on it this weekend," said Walker. "It's a very tedious process. We have to verify that each voter is registered in the right district. The numbers we have right now aren't exact, but I feel confident they are very close."

If the required number of signatures have been gathered, Walker said the recall election will be put

on the May ballot.

McDonald said the results of the petition don't surprise her at all.

"I'm really not surprised. I felt like they would get the necessary signatures all along," said McDonald. "Unfortunately, the thing I don't think a lot of people realize is this (recall election) will cost the city thousands of dollars, which is disappointing."

"I really expected them to get enough signatures to force the recall election. However, I don't expect to lose the election."

Thomason, Campbell, Staulcup and McEwen could not be reached for comment.

COLLEGE

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• The hiring of an additional economics instructor at the Big Spring campus.

• Renewal of an agreement between the college district and the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee for use of land adjacent to SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

• A resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of a partnership between the district and the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute.

Since 1986, Howard College has offered a variety of vocational courses, as well as some general study and business courses, at FCI, Sparks said.

• Bids for wireless Internet service at the Big Spring campus dormitories and broadband access at SWCID.

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JURY

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controlled substance (second-degree felony) and evading arrest (state jail felony).

• John Peter Gordon, 18, of 1516 Wood, possession of marijuana (state jail felony).

• April Amaya Gutierrez, 25, of 3608 Calvin, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Johnathan Johnson, 25, of 8633 Vanderbuilt in Fort Worth, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Bluford Allen Jones, 23, of 200 Banks Road, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Andres Lee Juarez, 25, of 306 Denton, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Tracy Lain Kruse, 42, of 5154 PDQ Road in Colorado City, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony, enhanced) and driving while intoxicated (first-degree felony, enhanced).

• Mary Ellen Galam

Viasana, 37, of 802 Nolan, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Traci Renee Martinez, 29, of 2503 Central, tampering with government records (third-degree felony).

• Juan Montelongo, 53, of 606 North Gregg, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Christopher Myrick, 33, of 3200 Fenn Drive, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Anthony Russo, 35, of 2600 Crestline Road, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Karri Tindol, 34, of 1401 North Highway 87, possession of a controlled substance (state jail

felony).

• Mack Allen Williams, 47, of 3109 South Anderson Road, driving while intoxicated (second-degree felony, enhanced).

• Ellis Durwood Centers, 48, transient, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

• Elijah James Cole, 37, currently in Howard County Jail, burglary of a habitation (first-degree felony, enhanced).

• Lionso Lee Jimenez III, 27, currently in Howard County Jail, theft under \$1,500 with prior convictions - five counts (third-degree felony, enhanced) and burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

• Policarpio Naranjo-Estrada, 27, currently in Howard County Jail, sexual assault of a child - two

counts (second-degree felony).

• Mary Guthrie Nelson, 45, currently in Howard County Jail, forgery - two counts (state jail felony), credit card abuse (state jail felony) and burglary of a building (state jail felony).

• Robert Ramos, 30, currently in Howard County Jail, burglary of a building - two counts (state jail felonies).

• Randy Dean Ulrich, 31, currently in Howard County Jail, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (third-degree felony, enhanced).

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