

EBID from A1

through economic development.

The Main Street Program, however, gives primary focus to the Historical District.

EBID, on the other hand, was set up to gain revenue for its projects through a system akin to a tax base for property and business owners within its jurisdiction. This revenue is often funneled into Main Street Program projects.

Solesbee emphasized that though they call the revenue "taxes," no public funding has been or will be involved following the merger.

"No tax dollars from city taxes [went] into either organization prior to this," he said. "It's all based on fundraising, donations, grants and 'tax.'" EBID's two-tiered

"tax" base also extends its influence beyond downtown to include Main Street projects as far down as Gateway Boulevard and along Highway 99/Ninth Street roughly spanning from Knecht's Auto Parts to Dairy Queen.

With projects dependent on this revenue but fee payment optional, Downtown Cottage Grove is hoping to get across the message that

it's a district worth investment.

The district's taxes are based on square footage and include a business fee. Tier One, which is essentially the Historical District, and Tier Two, which encompasses the rest of the business improvement district, are billed differently, the latter paying less.

All the same, businesses in the area can benefit equally from the projects.

"We can't, as a non-profit, give benefits just to members," said Solesbee. "We hope people don't just opt out, because if they did, our funding would be gone and we wouldn't have a downtown. ... The different things that add to downtown and beautify it — that's kind of the point."

Projects by both entities have included installing park benches, funding the Art Walk, building All-America Square and contributing to the canopy at Bohemia Park, said

Solesbee.

"So it was just a really good fit to put Main Street and EBID together," he said. "It just helps to connect and network everything together."

With the merging of the two entities, access to national programs is hoped to become more widely available.

Among elements of the Main Street America program, seminars and educational tools are provided to businesses, services which Solesbee hopes will be extended to more business owners along Main Street.

A business like Covered Bridge Brewing Group, which is situated technically outside the Historical District yet still prominently on Main Street, was unable to apply for a grant, Solesbee said, but may qualify under the expansion.

"So there's an example of one business that will benefit and be able to apply for a Main Street

grant," he said.

The new structure will change little in the way of programs as Downtown Cottage Grove will continue to support downtown events such as the Art Walk, Halloween and Christmas, though plans to adapt these to coronavirus-related restrictions are still in the works.

An idea to make downtown more appealing with a new lighting scheme is also being planned.

The new board is scheduled to meet for a planning session on Jan. 16 to create other project timelines and set goals for the coming years.

Solesbee expressed a desire to see more beautification projects in the future.

"What brings people downtown brings people through the rest of town, too, so it's good if we can get them off the freeway and get them to drive through downtown," he said.

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