



Main Street Board Meeting – June 8, 2020

MINUTES

Call to Order: The regular meeting was called to order was by Kelly Barr, Main Street Chairman, at 9:32 AM

Attendance Report: Board members present were Leanne Griffin, Morgan Davis, Kelly Barr, Sharon Respass, and Meagan Crawford. City representatives included Interim Main Street Director, Jennifer Price and DDA Chairman, Ted Raker.

Absent from the meeting were Madison Trotter and Estel Powell.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve April meeting minutes was made by Kelly Barr. Seconded by Megan Crawford.

Old Business:

Main Street Training 101- Due by September but Interim Main Street Director Jennifer Price would prefer us to do this as soon as possible.

Mission and Vision- Interim Main Street Director Jennifer Price requests for board members to read them, look over them, and email suggestions as soon as possible. This is something we were to create with Joel Cordle, of Georgia Downtowns during annual retreat. Jennifer has a conference with him next week and will update on how we will proceed with annual retreat for strategic planning.

Bylaws- Updates and Revisions- By laws were approved by Mayor/Council on June 4, 2020.

Bee City USA- Resolution approved by Mayor/Council on June 4, 2020.

Community Garden: Jennifer has reached out to Councilman Terry Benjamin to find out if the current lot at 109 Wright Street is still being used by the church. If not, Morgan Davis suggested a sunflower garden for the late summer/early fall for pictures, bouquets, by donation.

Hahira Historic Tours: Megan Crawford updated us about creating a scavenger hunt and historic tour for the downtown area for the Fall.

New Business:

Monthly Newsletter: Jennifer will generate a monthly newsletter following each meeting that will be used to update the downtown area on events and happenings. A group will be created in conjunction with the HH page on Facebook and the HMA page will be dissolved. Morgan Davis will serve as admin on the new group "Downtown Low Down."

The Great Hahira Read In 2020- Leanne Griffin presented to the MSB her presentation that includes 6 months of reading plans for this project. Each month a new book will be chosen and once the book is

concluded the readers will have a social of some sort with an activity or gathering. This will begin June 15, 2020 and go thru the end of the year. A reading group will be created in conjunction with the HH page on Facebook and Leanne Griffin will serve as admin on the new group.

Welcome Packet: Jennifer presented a Welcome Packet to the MSB that includes important information about the town. We will post in Downtown Low Down for any businesses that want to participate or include items in these packets. They will be available at City Hall for new residents. Kelly also stated that these would be great to take the Farmers Markets to give out when new residents come out.

Street Performers: Jennifer provided information about Friday evening street performers to encourage small events downtown through the summer. These would set up and play on a tip basis only and could perform from 6-9 or maybe 5-8? Potentially in The Depot Square once completed.

Fall Ideas: Unsure of how the Fall will go because of socially distancing and COVID, the MSB talked about simple ideas that would be great for the community including a Food Tour and Drive in Movies.

Ted Raker, DDA Chairman came and spoke with the MSB about the old Fire station property. Ted also touched on the MSB and DDA working together on downtown projects, etc.

Main Street Update:

Updates of events and cancellations: Famers Market is in full swing and will continue thru mid-August.

Phase II Construction: Phase II Construction at the Depot is on schedule and still set to be completed June 27, 2020.

Annual Retreat/Training with Georgia Downtown: Due to COVID-19 this event has been cancelled. They will revisit the annual retreat towards the end of June, beginning of July for reschedule.

Main Street Contest: We did not make it through semi-finals.

Grills Grant-"Back To Business" Project: We were not chosen as a finalist.

Next meeting is set for July 13th at 9:30 am at the Courthouse.

Adjourn: Kelly made a motion to adjourn at 11:07. Seconded by Megan Crawford.

Submitted by, Jennifer Price