

2-7-18

DNN Board of Directors Minutes

Present: George Dusenbury, Wendal York, Betty Bondeau, Jim Diez, Tom Frango, Pete Pieffer, Buddy Harrell, Kathie Gannon.

George called meeting to Order at 6:30

Minutes from November were Approved. December was the Membership party.

Treasurer's Report : Tom report \$588 Balance. Annual registration paid. \$70 for PO Box outstanding. Looking into a PayPal account. (Tom has new email)

George will introduce new Board members at the next General Meeting – Betty Bondeau Chair of Greenspace/Public Spaces Committee and Wendal York co-Chair Communications.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Greenspace/Public Spaces – Betty Blondeau is Recruiting members. Looking at more Greenspace at the Square by using 12 parking spaces. To start they will talk with Businesses; Tim Martin/DBA; Kyle Williams/DBA; Bill Floyd; Diane Capriola; new Commissioner Kelly Walsh; Linda Harris City contact and Active Living Board. Committee will also try to see what are good uses of School land at corner of Trinity and Commerce. They City is suppose to have use of part of the land fro a few years.

Communications - Wendal is working on Facebook and Jim on Mailchimp and both trying to upgrade the website. 202 emails on Mailchimp list and 400+ follow on Facebook. Website needs work on the calendar and sign ups. Evaluating building a new one.

Planning – Buddy and 2 committee members are alternately attending the DDA meetings. The Cottage Court experiment has not attracted development bids that meet the criteria city has set. They are now going to add more money and select a developer through the DDA rather than a bid process.

Discussion: Downtown Plan continues to be a challenge. Kelly Walsh has been verbally pulling back from campaign promises (as did Tony), once on City Commission and getting their training. George wanted to disclose that he emailed her his comments & our disappointment after the last General Meeting and that she will hopefully learn more about what is in a downtown master plan. We talked about doing our own visioning process to kick-start some kind of planning effort. Wendal knows of a planner or 2 and Kathie has recruited some folks as well.

Need a Process that doesn't mean a lot of meetings. A campaign that tells people What is a Plan? the Benefits? Why Should you Care? What would it mean to businesses and property owners?

Decided several steps:

- Meet with an initial Planning Group to see how we can start such a campaign.
- Follow up with Lyn Menne who offered to do a “build our scenario” of West Ponce for the westponce group.
- Contact the DHA Ex Dir to see if they will be doing additional Planning for their downtown property to see if any opportunity to piggy back.

Ordinances – Pete has confirm the Police and discussion of Saftey issues for the General Meeting. We will meet at the Police Dept. on 2nd Wed. March 14.

Next Board Meeting 1st Wed. April 4th. 6:30PM.