

8-7-19

DDN Board of Directors Minutes

Present: George Dusenbury, who called the meeting to Order at 6:35PM, Jim Diez, Betty Blondeau, Lisa Schreiber, Buddy Harrell, Kathie Gannon. Tom sent regrets that he couldn't attend due to the power outage, so no elevator working – in all of downtown.

6/15/19 Minutes were Approved as mailed.

Committee Reports:

Communications – Jim – All information on the new website looks correct. Please check the site.

Planning – Buddy – Committee isn't meeting. No traction with City to do any Planning for Downtown. They are gearing up for an update of the 2010 Strategic Plan. We will try to be involved in that process.

Greenspace – Betty and Lisa - Still following the School/City/ Property at Commerce and Trinity. Ed McBrayer of PATH did a Plan. We still need to talk to him about some questions/concerns identified at our last meeting. Committee is trying to get written permission, from the correct owner, to move forward AND to get their input on Programming ideas.

Hugh Saxon – City/ Public Works – has seen Ed's plan. City may be able to come up with a small amount of money – tables and chairs type money.

Tony Powers – City Commission – has been a champion and the amount of \$10,000 has been mentioned for Art or other items AND to coordinate with City to pick up trash.

Facilities- Events and Operations for the City Schools are identifying the correct people to meet with. They recommend that we Keep It Simple and they want to make sure there is no Liability. (George offered to double-check GA Codes but he is pretty sure they are OK.)

DECIDED the September General Meeting could be a facilitated meeting to Survey the group and start to involve downtown residents in generating Ideas for Programming. Given George's experience in Park Programming he could facilitate. Will also ask WestPonce Music Stroll person to give an update. **Meeting is Sept 11.**

Discussed inquiry about long time problem property at corner of Commerce and Ponce de Leon. Buddy will id the owners and Kathie will call the person back to give them direction on things they can do.

George generated a list of Public Safety concerns for input into the Police Strategic Plan. **Next board Meeting is October 2nd 6:30 PM – NEED A LOCATION.**