



ST. JOSEPH
Downtown
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Minutes

November 16, 2017

A meeting of the St. Joseph Downtown Community Improvement District board of directors was held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 8:40 am to 9:49 am in the Allied Arts Council conference room, 128 S. 8th St. Directors present were: Pat Dillon, Lee Sawyer, Ron Barbosa, John Spencer, Teresa Fankhauser and Rhabecca Boerkircher. Directors absent were: Bobbi Jo Hausman and Royce Balak.

Call to Order: Chairman, John Spencer called the meeting to order at 8:40 am.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Lee Sawyer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written. Ron Barbosa seconded the motion and the board voted in favor (5-0).

Financial Report: Pat Dillon said that he had been contacted by Simon Fink about the amendment to the grant award for the Handpicked Series. Teresa Fankhauser explained that they submitted information that was in accordance with grant criteria and that is why the board amended it and that the current grant was closed. After discussion, the board concluded that they would allow him to submit another grant application. After discussion, Ron Barbosa made a motion to approve the financial report. Pat Dillon seconded the motion and the board voted in favor (5-0).

Felix Street Square Project: Rhabecca Boerkircher explained to the board that the council has gotten some calls from downtown businesses that they are not in favor of phase one of the project, the street closures. Now, they are not inclined to support the project so we need to focus on getting some positive comments to them. It was the consensus of the board that we try to get another work session with the city council to advocate the need for the nice looking closures to provide safety for the guests coming downtown to attend events. They suggested inviting Ron Allen to the session to explain why the tourism board approved it and also Greg Siefert to explain the design of the mechanism.

Drug Clinic: The board discussed the fact that downtown businesses are upset about the proposed location of the St. Kolbe-Puckett Center for Healing not the clinic itself. Therefore, the board decided to reach out to Dr. Smith about the possibility of choosing a new location. Pat Dillon explained that the proposed drug treatment that they will be offering has only been approved for a year. John Spencer and Pat Dillon will contact Dr. Smith to determine his willingness to re-locate and report back to the board.

Open Door Food Kitchen Project: Pat Dillon informed the board that they have received some additional donations. The city has approved the plans and they should have a ground breaking soon on the new facility.

Other Business:

Grant Application: The board reviewed a grant application from the Allied Arts Council for the sculpture walk. Teresa Fankhauser explained that the budget is similar to prior years and they will not spend more than the funds raised for the project. She stated that last year the board approved \$15,000 and later raised it to \$20,000. She said that they funds would not be requested until June. The board discussed the fact that tax revenues are way down and they have a lot of outstanding commitments right now. Lee Sawyer made a motion to approve \$10,000 for the grant right now and review the financial status of the organization again in February to determine if they could afford to do additional funding. Ron Barbosa seconded the motion and the board voted in favor (4-1, Teresa Fankhauser abstained).

December Meeting: Rhabecca Boerkircher inquired if the board wanted to have a December meeting. The board decided that they would like to have a meeting but changed the date of the regularly scheduled meeting to Wednesday, December 20th at 8:30 am. The meeting will be held in the Allied Arts Council conference room, 128 S. 8th St.

Adjourn: Ron Barbosa made a motion to adjourn at 9:49 am. Lee Sawyer seconded the motion and the board voted in favor (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rhabecca Boerkircher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Rhabecca Boerkircher
Executive Director