

Minutes of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership Board of Directors
Wednesday, January 14, 2009 3:00 pm
Morehead Planetarium, Downtown Chapel Hill, NC

Members Present: George Draper, Chris Jones, Glenn Booth, Tommy O'Connell, Linda Convissor, Dick Mann

Members Absent: Kevin Foy, Mark Vevle

Staff Present: Dwight Bassett; Interim Executive Director, Meg McGurk; Assistant Director

Others Present: Pat Evans, Carlo Robustelli

George Draper called the meeting to order.

Citizen Comments

Pat Evans announced the next Friends of Downtown meeting.

Consent Agenda

Chris Jones moved to adopt the minutes. Tommy O'Connell seconded the motion.

Items for Review/ Discussion

Expansion of Board Seats to UNC Students- Patty Griffin of the Orange County Visitors Bureau was nominated to fill an ex-officio seat on the Partnership board of directors. Tommy O'Connell motioned to approve her nomination and Linda Convissor seconded the motion. The board discussed amending the bylaws to include undergrad and graduate students from UNC- to help broaden the agency's perspective on the downtown. Chris Jones motioned to approve the amended by-laws and Glenn Boothe seconded the motion.

Parking Study Recommendations and Discussion –Dwight Bassett presented to the board the Parking subcommittee's initial recommendations with regards to (1) naming of the lots/decks (2)simplifying systems of pay and rates (3) courtesy tickets (4) reducing the hours of ticketing operations (5)increasing meter rates (6) developing better signs, and (7)management of parking through an oversight advisory board. The parking subcommittee would be meeting again prior to the next Partnership board meeting to further refine the recommendations.

Communications with Town Council – Linda Convissor led the board in a discussion of how the Partnership could better communicate with the Town Council as well as how the Town Council can better engage with the downtown community. Convissor made several suggestions as to how the Partnership could move forward including holding regular meetings, providing the Town Council with quarterly reports, and encourage interaction between the interested parties.

George Draper closed the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

The board discussed the updated Assistant Director Job description; Chris Jones moved to adopt it and Glenn Boothe seconded the motion.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Meg McGurk, Assistant Director