

**Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership Board of Directors**  
**Wednesday , March 11, 2009 at 3:00 pm**  
**Morehead Planetarium Chapel Hill, NC**

Members Present: George Draper, Linda Convissor, Chris Jones, Dick Mann, Glenn Boothe, Tommy O'Connell, Patty Griffin, Cheryl Lin, Mark Vevle  
Members Absent: Kevin Foy

Staff Present: Dwight Bassett Interim -Executive Director; Bobby Funk, Office Manager

Other Present: Gordon Merklein, John Goff, Daniel Goldberg

**Citizen Comments**

John Goff introduced himself from a firm called Cousins out of Atlanta, GA potentially to be involved with University Square.

**Consent Agenda**

Dick Mann moved to adopt the minutes. Chris Jones seconded the motion.

**Items for Review/ Discussion**

***Budget*** – Dwight Bassett presented the budget which the executive board reviewed. The board reviewed the budget clarifying what some line-items represent; such as how Personal Costs reflect Executive Director needs. Chris Jones moved to approve the budget and Dick Mann seconded, motioned carried.

***Parking Study*** – Dwight Bassett discussed the parking study stating that Roger Stancil wanted Item 3 on the parking proposal to be taken to the town to be put on their budget. This item would need to come back up in the final budget. George Draper voiced concerns about revenue loss from the price cut from the original proposal. The Board agreed to make on-street parking \$1.25 per hour with a 6:00 pm cutoff . Dick Mann motioned to approve the Parking Study recommendations, Chris Jones seconded, and the motion carried.

**Items from the Board**

George Draper brought up increases of property tax evaluations. This was a concern in relation to downtown business tax rate inflation.

Glenn Boothe requested suggestions for communications committee in relation to event planning. A suggestion was to incorporate an introduction from the new Executive Director at the first event to draw people.

Locally Grown was briefly discussed. The potential of serving alcohol was mentioned, and the board liked this idea as long as local breweries were involved. Local restaurants will be involved by setting up booths on-site to sell food.

Tommy O'Connell mentioned Merge Records' 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Memorial Hall coming up this summer. Tommy suggested supporting this event.

Dwight Bassett brought up the Small Art loan program to be discussed. Questions were raised of whether the program was for recruitment or for existing businesses. The program was for either one as long as there is working studio space attached.

George Draper closed the meeting to discuss personnel issues.  
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobby Funk, Office Manager