

Minutes of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership Board of Directors
Friday, May 16, 2008 7:30 a.m.
The Franklin Hotel, Downtown Chapel Hill, NC

Board Members Present: Dwight Bassett, Chris Jones, Linda Convissor, Bronwyn Meritt,

Board Members Absent: Dick Mann, Andrea Rohrbacher, George Draper, Laurie Paolicelli

Others Present: Liz Parham, Executive Director; Meg McGurk, Assistant Director; Mark Geercken, Daniel Goldberg, Pat Evans, Carlo Robustelli, Len Cone

Linda Convissor called the meeting to order.

Citizen Comments

Pat Evans announced the next meeting of the Friends of Downtown.

Presentations

Complete Streets Presentation by Go! Chapel Hill- Complete Streets is a national initiative to make streets safe, comfortable and convenient for travel via automobile, foot, bicycle and public transportation. Go! Chapel Hill is asking the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership to join the collaborative effort to request that the Town Council develop and incorporate Complete Streets guidelines for Chapel Hill. The board agreed to endorse the Complete Streets initiative.

Items for Review / Discussion

Liz Parham updated the board on the progress of Kidzu Children's Museum's efforts to continue to operate in Downtown Chapel Hill with the Town doing a structural analysis of the Wallace Parking Deck.

Liz Parham updated the board on the IFC's partnership with the Town, UNC and United Church to move the homeless shelter to land on Homestead Road; next door to the church.

Liz Parham updated the board on the brick planters. CHDP is working to get them cleaned out immediately while developing a long-term sustainable plan for all of them. Linda Convissor expressed interest in getting the Town to maintain the planters in front of their buildings; the courthouse.

Liz Parham updated the board on the parking study; the consultant has revised the presentation with accurate data and a preliminary report will be in hand in two weeks. It potentially could go to the Town Council in June for review with approval pending until September.

Meg McGurk updated the board on Locally Grown; a series of special events for the downtown this summer. With the sites still under review, entertainment has been lined up and merchants have been give preliminary information on participation. Board members expressed concerned about merchants participating.

Meg McGurk updated the board on the current downtown crime and incident information as reported by Police daily bulletins.

Liz Parham provided the board with preliminary information on the changes in the board make-up for the next year. George Draper would continue as Chair; Linda Convissor would continue as Vice-Chair; Chris Jones would be appointed as Treasurer. The board discussed the process for the new position appointments with presentations being done by applicants at the next board meeting; May 23.

Closed Session

Linda Convissor closed the board meeting to discuss personnel issues.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Meg McGurk