

Minutes of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership Board of Directors
Friday, August 15, 2008 8:00 am
Franklin Hotel, Downtown Chapel Hill, NC

Members Present: Dick Mann, Chris Jones, Linda Convissor, Laurie Paolicelli, Cheryl Lin, Mark Vevle, Tommy O'Connell, Glenn Boothe

Members Absent: Kevin Foy, George Draper

Others Present: Dwight Bassett, Interim- Executive Director; Meg McGurk, Assistant Director, Pat Evans, Daniel Goldberg, Michael Donaldson

Linda Convissor called the meeting to order.

Citizen Comments

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

Consent Agenda

Chris Jones made a motion to approve the minutes, with corrections to name spellings, from the previous board meeting. Dick Mann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Items Requiring Action / Discussion

Petition by Councilmember Czajkowski – Dwight Bassett briefed the board on the petition brought to the Town Council regarding challenges facing the Downtown. Bassett will be leading the town's efforts to gather information on the current programming in place to address these challenges and reporting back.

Coffee with the Partnership in September – The Partnership will be holding two sessions before the end of September to reinforce the strong future of the agency and to talk about possible holiday programming for the downtown. Linda Convissor led a discussion on broader ways to communicate with Partnership constituents. Glenn Boothe and Tommy O'Connell both concurred that businesses tend to discuss downtown issues amongst themselves and that seems to be effective.

Town Special Events Policy- Linda Convissor discussed the Good Neighbor and Locally Grown events and how agencies partnered with the Town's Parks and Recreation Department for both events. Dwight Bassett explained that the town will be developing a process to review requests from organizations wanting to do special events downtown that would go before all town departments as a communication tool. Linda Convissor suggested that this might be an opportunity for more interaction between special events and parking services.

Dwight briefed the board on parking updates. The Partnership is waiting for the final report from Rich and Associates. The parking lot on the West End belonging to Joe Riddle has received a permit to re-stripe; and there is re-zoning going on of private lots behind the Courtyard that could possibly create more spaces as well.

Items From the Board

Board Led Discussions- Mark Vevle has suggested that the board spend more time discussing topics and issues rather than discussing programmatic updates. Board members offered several suggestions of topics for future meetings.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Meg McGurk, Assistant Director