

Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 9, 2011
Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership Conference Room; Chapel Hill, NC

Members Present: Patty Griffin, George Draper, Tommy O'Connell, Glenn Boothe, Chris Jones, Linda Convisor, Mark Vevle, Cheryl Lin, Jeff Deluca, Dwight Bassett

Members Absent: Mark Kleinschmidt, Andy Pennock, Gordon Merklein

Staff Present: Jim Norton, Executive Director; Meg McGurk, Assistant Director; Bobby Funk, Office Manager

Others Present: Pat Evans

Consent Agenda

George Draper called the meeting to order. The Board reviewed last month's minutes. Chris Jones motioned for approval of minutes. Mark Vevle seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Items for Review/ Discussion

Board Meeting Day/Time Discussion – Jim Norton discussed Mark Kleinschmidt scheduling problem with the current meeting time. It was proposed that 8:30 AM on the second Thursday of the month as an agreeable new time/day. A vote was taken and there was a consensus. The new time will begin in March 2011.

Quarterly Report Review – Mr. Norton introduced the Quarterly Report. He explained that Council will receive it at their upcoming business meeting.

Development Framework and Action Plan Review Schedule Discussion – Linda Convisor commented on the importance of having Board Members at the upcoming public forum. Dwight Bassett commented on the meetings which have occurred thus far discussing the positive outcomes of the comments made about the Plan. Tommy O'Connell commented on the importance of showing the changes that have been made to the Plan through public input.

C.H.T.C. Retreat Discussion re: Downtown Priorities – Mr. Bassett stated that Council would like the Partnership to have strategic initiatives along with an adopted Work Plan.

Food Truck Discussion – There will be a public forum on February 28 at Town Hall to discuss food trucks in Chapel Hill. The Partnership has created a written opinion in draft form. Tommy O'Connell said he would have a problem with food trucks being in the public right of way along with tax base issues. He continued stating that Durham County's Health Department is laxer for restaurant locations. Mr. Norton stated that it is staff's opinion that public right of way should be off the table. Jeff Deluca commented on the positive late-night image food trucks have with students.

Board Retreat Recap – Staff has summarized the main features of the retreat. Linda spoke positively of the retreat. Mr. Deluca suggested getting directly involved with the UNC department regarding summer programs. George Draper recommended the board take the strategy and review it for next month. Cheryl recommended expanding the definition of University to other universities in the area.

Other – Mr. Deluca thanked Meg McGurk for her help with Ally Week in Downtown.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobby Funk, Program Director