

Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership Board of Directors
Thursday, June 9, 2011
Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership Conference Room; Chapel Hill, NC

Members Present: Tommy O'Connell, Patty Griffin, Glenn Boothe, Linda Convissor, Gordon Merklein, George Draper, Chris Jones

Members Absent: Mark Kleinschmidt, Cheryl Lin, Dwight Bassett, Jeff DeLuca

Others Present: Butch Kisiah

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

Consent Agenda

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

Items for Review/ Discussion

Board Member Application Update – Mr. Norton introduced the people who were interviewed and discussed how they went. He talked of their attributes and stated that the exec committee recommends that Cheryl Lin be reappointed. Tommy O'Connell moved and Chris Jones seconded and Ms. Lin was approved as our recommendation.

Mr. Draper discussed Don Tise as a board applicant to replace Mark Vevle on the Board. Discussion ensued, people spoke positively of him. Mr. Draper brought Mr. Tise to a vote; he was approved.

Locally Grown Update – There was discussion about the new sponsorships we've received this year. Mr. Draper asked about expansion in the future. Glenn discussed keeping the quality high.

Butch Kisiah Parks Presentation – Mr. Norton introduced Mr. Kisiah. Mr. Kisiah thanked the board for the invitation. He discussed the changes in the department this year. Maintenance is has taken cuts this year. 10 year Master Plan is in the works for the department. Mr. Kisiah asked about what we want for downtown maintenance. He discussed cleaning the sidewalks twice a year. Tommy O'Connell mentioned a few places to focus cleaning. Linda Convissor mentioned cleanliness as an issue for a long time. Mr. Kisiah said recycling is probably coming in September. He discussed the plaza at the post office. Gordon Merklein mentioned a great opportunity for public art at the plaza that leads from the parking deck to the post office. Mr. Draper asked if the town could assist in cleaning in the alleys. Mr. Kisiah mentioned the trouble of spending public money on private property. He also discussed reworking the murals by Wallace plaza. Mr. Kisiah also mentioned looking at the tree replacement plan on Franklin Street. He wants to do Saturday and Sunday for Festifall, if we can arrange it for a non-football Saturday.

Ms. Convissor mentioned popup pianos. Mr. Draper thanked Mr. Kisiah for coming. Mr. Merklein mentioned designer selection on Tuesday for Kidzu. He said it could be two or more years before construction begins.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobby Funk, Program Director