

MEETING MINUTES

DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Date: January 12, 2024

Time: 7:45 a.m.

Meeting called to order by: Marylou Blaisdell

In attendance

Phil Scotsas, Michael Buckley, Edward Hayes, Marylou Blaisdell, Liz Hannan, Rich Lannan, Marylou Blaisdell

Also in Attendance: Amy LaRoche, Alderman Tom Lopez

DISCUSSION

The January meeting discussion focused on planning for 2024. Items discussed:

- Liz Hannan gave the committee the following updates
 - RFP for planter repair and planting installation will go out in the next week.
 - The city working with positive street art is looking at a summer “stroll” event for Saturday, July 20, 2024. Planning has begun and the committee will be updated.
 - Also working with GAD for other downtown events.
 - Liz also updated the committee on all the new housing for the downtown area and the anticipated dates for opening.
 - A place making and marketing program has been in the works and Liz will interview potential vendors for this project and update the committee.
- Other Discussion items
 - Unhoused population issues around downtown seem to be on the increase.
 - Tom Lopez will discuss with agencies at their next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at a 8:50 a.m.