

Minutes

Downtown Improvement Committee

April 8, 2022

In Attendance: Marylou Blaisdell, Rich Lannan, Michael Buckley, Phillip Scontsas, Danielle Skelley, Edward Hayes, Tim Cummings.

Via Zoom: Alderman Ben Clemmons

Meeting Called to order by Marylou Blaisdell at 7:45 a.m.

Discussion on happenings downtown

- Riverwalk under new ownership
- Chicken and Biscuits moving in at Darrells Music building
- New restaurant at Fratellos - Bellisimo
- New façade at Surf
- Peddlers redoing front of building
- New executive director at GAD – will invite to May meeting
- Tim will arrange a meeting with the church that provides the morning coffee program at St. Pats for discussion on program.
- Marylou will contact head of DPW for downtown walk around to review areas of need.

Discussion on proposed spending for 2022

- Currently have 199,994.03 in DIC fund
- Areas discussed for expenditures for 2022
 - Intern for summer of 2022
 - Planters for barriers
 - Cleaning of sidewalks minimum of 2x per week for summer and watering of planters, this would fall under DPW. Tim in discussions with head of DPW and will report cost estimates at May meeting.
 - Holiday lighting – Marylou and Phillip will prepare an overview for 2022 holiday lighting and submit to Tim. An RFP will be produced to solicit lighting for 2022.

Discussion on summer internship, last year's intern would be asked to return. Concentration on data collection on dining outside, parking, etc. A job description and outline will be implemented by Tim Cummings and intern will report to Tim. A motion made by Michael Buckley, seconded by Rich Lannan to allocate \$10,000 for summer internship. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.