

## MEETING MINUTES

Title	Downtown Improvement Committee Meeting -- Draft Unapproved
Location	Zoom Meeting
Date	April 9, 2021

Time Meeting Called To Order	7:55 AM
Members Present	Marylou Blaisdell (Chair), Edward Hayes, Michael Buckley, Amanda Schneck, Steve Saxe and Tim Cummings
Guests or Others Participating	Jason Puopolo (Superintendent for Parks and Recreation) and Komba Lamina

### General Meeting Highlights/Notes/Brief Description of Meeting

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jason Puopolo new Superintendent for Parks and Recs joined the meeting for the first time to introduce himself to the Committee members. Jason talked about replacement of damaged banners on Main Street and tree planting in the summer. Second week of May is when the City expects to receive the plants and Parks and Recreation will begin planting them as soon as they receive the trees.</li> <li>• PAC: The public should expect heavy demolition over the next two weeks. Plans to relocate the utility poles in front of the PAC are on the way and we expect the poles to be moved shortly.</li> <li>• Barriers: painting of the barriers have been on the way. Starting today April 9 the barriers will be placed in their correct location and this process should wrap up by next week. We have received calls from other states about the barriers on Main St., especially now that we have taken the initiative to the next level by painting the barriers.</li> <li>• New Project: Tim is asking the Committee to consider hiring someone that will work with merchants on Main Street. The focus will be to collect data of patrons coming to Main Street, report on Parking on Main St, and engage in marketing of Main Street to increase foot traffic in the area. Data collected will be used to show whether barriers lead to economic development. This role will cost \$10,000; Economic Development will pay \$5,000 toward this role we ask the Committee to allocate \$5,000 to this position as well.</li> <li>• Noise on Main St: We received noise complaints on Main Street. There is a noise ordinance on the books but we need to look into enforcing it. Suggestion is to put up signs to encourage the public to keep noise down on Main Street. We expect Police Commissioner James Tollner to attend the DIC meeting in May where we will discuss this topic.</li> </ul>
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Any Final Decisions Made

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Motion to allocate \$5,000 to replace damaged banners on Street was introduced by Michael Buckley second by Steve Saxe. All members present voted in favor motion passed unanimously.

Motion to allocate \$5,000 for the new Downtown position for the next three months was introduced by A. Schneck second by Steve Saxe. All members present voted in favor motion passed unanimously.

Motion To Adjourn By	M. Buckley
Time	8:35 AM
Next Meeting	May 14