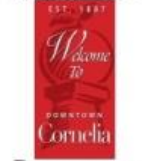


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DDA/Main Street Board Meeting

AGENDA

Thursday, January 5, 2017 8:30AM
Cornelia Depot

1. Meeting called to order- Brian Horton
2. Adopt Agenda- Motion made by Don Higgins, seconded by Brentt Cody
3. Financials- Operating fund has \$3,961.33; Façade Grant Fund has \$5,549.45; Loan Fund has \$953.40
4. Old Business
 - A) Work Plan 2017- Discuss changes, Review, Vote- Brian suggested some of the budgetary holes that needed to be filled in. He also suggested striking one of the action items due to redundancy. A motion to was made to approve and adopt the work plan with the changes that Brian made by Brentt, was seconded by Matt, All were in favor. Please note: Don Higgins recused himself from a vote due to real estate conflicts.
 - B) Natalie Jane's- Update on status from Brian- To be discussed in Executive Session
5. New Business
 - A) City Manager Update- New sewer lines should be finished in the next three weeks dependent on weather; the water plant has gone out for rebids and are getting redesigns as the project came in \$7 million over budget; City is dealing with two sinkholes, one on Stovall Alley and one on Barry Street; Level Grove sidewalk should begin construction any day now as Georgia Power has done their part to make way for diggers; the ordinance update that the City constructed for Downtown should be approved at the next Commission meeting, which is Tuesday, January 10. At that time, the new ordinances will be implemented.
 - B) Amendment to bylaws for members- Motion to amend bylaw to add a new member to the board- Dee suggested not changing the bylaws because the legislators wrote the bylaws in 1982. Instead, he suggested making Bill Loyd an ex-officio member and seeking a new director. Matt Cathey said he suggested the change but was unaware that the DDA could do that. Don Higgins made the motion to make Bill an ex-officio and seek another director. The motion was seconded by Brentt Cody and all were in favor.
 - C) Annual Survey- Everyone needs to take a few minutes to fill out the annual survey to provide feedback. THANK YOU for doing that. I am missing one, so if you didn't turn yours in, please do so.
 - D) Assault on Mount Currahee- Brian to update on planning. Brian said he has spoken with the Chainbuster Racing coordinators. They have made a couple of changes to the route this year, but Brian says he's ridden the route and the changes will make it easier for riders and harder for them to get lost on the trail. He says that since we don't have Natalie Jane's anymore for the after-party, we need to get in touch with other restaurants to see if they

can cater it at the depot. Brian says this is a very low cost, low intensity event that yields a lot of people in downtown, and everything is set to be a good race.

- E) Annual Awards Ceremony- We need to nominate and vote for businesses for the annual awards breakfast and get date nailed down. There was a discussion about who should get what awards. Jessie gave a summary of what each award is and asked for suggestions. She said she would type it up in an email and then we could make suggestions and vote that way. There was also a discussion about dates and we decided to get the award winners nailed down first and then come up with a date to hold it. Jessie will get it out to the DDA by end of day.
 - F) Resignation- Neil Reems submitted his letter of resignation to the DDA citing work conflicts. He has a new job that takes him all over the state and he just make the time commitments. He apologized and nominated Joshua Barrett, Regions Bank Branch Manager, to replace him in his position. Brian and Jessie will reach out to him and gauge his interest.
 - G) Executive Session- Motion was made by Brentt Cody to go into Executive Session, seconded by Amanda Chosewood.
6. Upcoming Events: Annual Awards Ceremony 9(TBD); Tacky Prom February 10; Assault on Mt. Currahee February 25
 7. Next Regular Board Meeting: **Thursday, February 2, 2017** at the Depot
 8. Adjourn