

CORNELIA



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DDA/Main Street Board Meeting AGENDA

Thursday, March 2, 2017 8:30AM
Cornelia Depot

1. Meeting called to order- Brian Horton at 8:31
2. Adopt Agenda- Motion made by Brentt Cody, seconded by Don Higgins
3. Financials- The operating account has \$3,158.98 after the GA Power bill; The Façade Grant account has \$5,949.45; The Loan Fund account has \$189,344.77, and the appraisal for the bank and the hood vent will be paid out of that. Brian said that we will pay \$100,000 on our loan and then modify the loan to make the payments lower and we will pay out of the remaining money we have. This was agreed upon by everyone.
4. Old Business
 - A) Work Plan 2017- Brentt to talk to 4PM about getting us a base proposal for the Hodges Street project.
 - B) Bigg Daddy's- Jessie said they are in the building and doing construction. They have already gutted the upstairs and put sheetrock on the walls. The neighbors lost a piece or two of art work but they are okay and they are still very excited about the restaurant. Jessie talked to Lindsey and said she would introduce them to each other. They are on schedule to be open by the BBQ Competition
 - C) Annual Awards- Jessie told everyone about the awards. It ran smoothly. We missed Brian due to illness, but it worked out well anyway. Fresco's breakfast was delicious and they are starting to serve breakfast every day now.
 - D) Assault on Mount Currahee- Brian said it was really successful. We had over 200 cyclists this year. We had 120 the first year, 150 the second year and over 200 this year, so it's growing. We did everything at the Depot, and the organizers liked the format so much, they decided to do it this way again next year. Chef's Touch catered the event, and they liked the food so much, they decided to book them for next year already. Whistle Top also did better than ever before because the racers stayed and hung out a bit when they were done. It was a great and successful race.
 - E) Application for board member- Melany Ward, CEO North Main Credit Union. After some discussion about her qualifications, it was decided that Melany would be a good fit for the DDA. A motion was made by Don Higgins to accept the application, and it was seconded by Brentt Cody. All were in favor. Dee will put the application before the commissioners for their approval. There is also another application from Joshua Barrett that will be turned in Friday afternoon. We will discuss at our next meeting.
5. New Business
 - A) City Manager Update- The Level Grove Sidewalk project has begun. Higgins Construction is in charge. Don says they hope to have it finished within two months. The Historical Society

will be moving into the Margaret Ballard Center with the understanding that they are to be open every Saturday. Because of this, the City is looking to hire a part-time employee to keep the Depot open on Saturday so that we can market them together. The water plant is now open for bids. The project will be about \$4 Million smaller than the original plan. There are plans to construct a new municipal building in the City. They have put out RFQ's for architects to draw plans for the new building.

- B) Apple Blossom Competition- Jessie has eliminated a lot of the jobs that have been required in the past, so the event won't need so much help. She does need help on Saturday at the actual event. She has a list on Signup.com and she has shared that link with the board. She requests that everyone please look at it and sign up for something and also share with coworkers who may be interested.
- C) Main Street 201- Jessie and Don attended Main Street 201 in Athens this week. Don discussed what he learned at the workshop and Jessie did the same. One of the exercises they did was so beneficial, Jessie brought back the project for the board to do at our next retreat.

- 6. Upcoming Events: Tacky Prom Friday, March 10- Tacky Prom has been cancelled. The floors in the Community House will need to be replaced and there is only a three week period in which to do that before wedding season begins; Apple Blossom Competition April 22
- 7. Next Regular Board Meeting: **Thursday, April 6, 2017** at the Depot
- 8. Adjourn- Brian Horton

Present: Brian Horton, Dee Anderson, Jessie Owensby, Brentt Cody, Don Higgins, Amanda Chosewood

Absent: Matt Cathey