

Downers Grove Downtown Management Corporation

Board Meeting Notes

April 4, 2019

Present: Phil Stromberg, Paul Glover, Kathy Burns, Steve Frost, Larry Boik, Maureen Grand, Jill Card, Mike Baker, Michael Philipp, Nan Newlon, Laura Crawford, Erin Venezia, Ann Hattan

Absent: Bill Marshall, Michael Cassa

Guests: Allen Armstrong, Gay Crossman, Marilyn Crossman, Pete Foernssler, Jack Marengo, Steve Mulligan

Chairman's Report: Phil called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. Phil asked for a motion to approve the March 7, 2019, minutes, Kathy made a motion to approve the March minutes; Larry seconded. Phil asked the Board to complete and sign the Confidentiality Agreement and the Waiver of Rights Under Workers' Compensation Law Agreement. It was brought to Phil's attention that Linda was registered as the agent for DMC at the Secretary of State. There was a motion to change the registered agent to Erin. Steve made a motion to approve; Kathy seconded.

Downtown Management Report: Erin informed the Board Staycation Education was last week and some of the classes sold out. The Wine Walk sold out in two weeks. Wine Walk registration will take place at The Cellar Door and Tivoli at 4:30 – 6:30 pm and volunteers are needed. Erin stated that the Car Show schedule is set and passed out flyers. The Humidor has moved to Lisle. Erin has reached out to several businesses to fill vacancies. Garbage enclosure meeting is scheduled for next week.

Deputy Village Manager Report: Mike Baker informed the board that the new Village Council will be Bob Barnett, Mayor, and Commissioners Nicole Walus, Rich Kulovany and Leslie Sadowski-Fugitt. Marge Earl and Greg Hose will continue their terms. They will appoint a new Commissioner for Bob Barnett's replacement. The Parking Study consultant has been identified. Data collection with an online survey will be shared with the Board. Paul would like the consultant to come to meetings with the residents. The study will hopefully start the end of May.

Director of Public Works: Nan stated that the Forest Avenue crossing work will begin April 26th and will be closed for about a week. Crosswalk reconstruction at Forest/Warren and Forest/Franklin to start around May 1st and will continue for 5-6 weeks. Forest lot construction will begin after GroveFest and they are working on alternative parking for commuters during this time.

Village Commissioner: No report.

Economic Development Report: Michael was unable to attend the meeting, but Phil reported that band students will be from Germany and German delegation will be visiting Downers Grove also.

Chamber630 Report: Laura reported that the Springfield trip was last week. Springfield notes: the Governor has less than half of his staff hired, he wants to pass marijuana and gaming and progressive tax is built into the budget. DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau is asking for a 5% tax increase from hotels. Twelve students attended the Code DuPage boot camp. Upcoming Chamber630 events: Women in Business: The Art & Science of Customer Service, Speed networking luncheon and Business Off the Clock.

Aesthetics Committee Report: Paul asked that a DMC report on the state of downtown be presented to the new mayor and council within the first 30 days they are in office. Paul would like a document completed by the Board. Phil made a motion to form a committee to complete the state of downtown document. Paul seconded the motion.

Finance: Kathy stated that the budget will be discussed in the executive session.

Governance Committee Report: Steve presented proposed director terms. Steve encouraged members whose terms are up to re-apply to the board again because you have history. Steve made a motion to adopt the director cycle; Paul seconded. Bylaws with proposed director terms will be presented at the next meeting.

Other Business: Public comment: There was a question as to how long would it take to appoint the additional council member. There was a request that sidewalk seating be compliant within the fencing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.

The next Board Meeting will be May 2, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Venezia