

CUMBERLAND

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

A Main Street Maryland Community

Minutes
September 13th, 2018

I. Roll Call

In Attendance ó Sandi Saville, Doug Schwab, Dave Love, Lori Lepley, Ed Huber, Rhiannon Morget

Absent ó Larry Jackson, Nathan Price, Dave Romero, Paige McFarland, Dan Bowser,

Also in attendance ó Kathy McKenney, Paul Kelly, Mikayla Dodge, Brian Gowans

II. Minutes

Minutes accepted as submitted

III. Communications and Billing

n/a

IV. Reports

Financial Report – Ed Huber

Budget Report 16.7% of the year

Recognize tax revenue

Expense totals: 13% of budget spent

Right where we need to be

Promotions Director-Dave Love and Mikayla Dodge

-Even with the rain, The Sheatles perform at Ramada September 7th for the Rivers and Rails Festival, and Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes on September 8th for the Hogs on the Mall (moved to the George Street Garage).

-October 13th is the next event! Fall for Downtown Festival. Chili Cook Off, Vendors, Music all day, Queen City Server Race, Corn Hole Tournament and more!

-Mikayla is working with Parks and Rec on planning the holiday events.

Executive Director Report-Mikayla Dodge

-Planning for Downtown Main Street tour on Sunday October 21st

-Main Street Maryland Oakland next week

-Lindsay-DHCD had a great visit last month. She is writing an article and featuring Cumberland

-Attended meetings for Rivers and Rails Festival which occurred last weekend (Sept. 7-8)

-Attended meetings for 3M Challenge which occurred on September 8th

-Met with Deidre in Frostburg to discuss ideas to promote both Frostburg and Cumberland Main Street programs together

-Met with Ed Mullaney to walk around Downtown Cumberland and brainstorm ideas to make downtown more welcoming using lighting

-Met with Parks and Rec and City Administrator to begin planning for Christmas and New Years Eve, more info to come.

-Met with the Design Committee for Baltimore Street project

-Ordering Fall Downtown Decorations

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V. Old Business

Economic Development Report – Paul Kelly

- Bike lane and single lane for cars. Sidewalks that don't have parking are 20ft.
- EADS sent a letter to the effected owners. Test pits to be drilled along south side of Baltimore Street. 5 test pits. September 17-18 at various times throughout the day. Won't really take up time, just leave some dirt debris.
- William Cochran gave an update to Design Committee. Waiting for a copy of the power point from that meeting. First or second week of October-public participation event. Meeting will be at 9 N Centre. Goal to have final design in place by mid November. Working on a proposed vision statement and specifics of the project in a draft form.
- Goal is to have MD Broadband Co-Op in City finalized to help in providing technical assistance during the project.
- Theresa wanted help with getting everyone to the meeting. Timing for the meeting is important as we want restaurants and retail shop owners to be able to attend.

New Business

Leasehold Improvement Program- Kathy McKenny

- September 26 at 2pm for Leasehold meeting
- Leasee must have at least 2 years remaining on lease. November 16th is deadline

Bikes on the Mall-Dave Love

- Dave brought it to the attention of the DDC that we have had issues with tourists avoiding the mall because of the bike dismount rule. He proposed that the DDC change the policy of bikes on the mall so that riders may safely stay on their bikes and share the pathway with pedestrians still having the right of way and asking bicyclists to ride at a safe speed of 3-5mph down the mall. Dave motioned to approve this change, Rhiannon seconded. There was not a quorum so there will be a vote by email.

Other New Business

- Meeting for garage to get renovations moving.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD
October 11th, 2018**