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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

A Main Street Maryland Community

Minutes
April 11th, 2019

I. Roll Call

In Attendance ó Sandi Saville, Doug Schwab, Dave Love, Dan Bowser, Dave Romero, Rhiannon Morgret, Paige McFarland, Lori Lepley, Larry Jackson, Jim Miller, Dave Romero

Absent - Ed Huber, Nathan Price, Daniel Taylor-Neumann

Also in attendance ó Mikayla Dodge, Paul Kelly, Laurie Marchini (City Council Rep.)

II. Minutes

Minutes accepted as submitted.

III. Communications and Billing
n/a

IV. Reports

Financial Report – Ed Huber

Ed was not in attendance. 75% of our budget to date has been used.

Event Report

First Discover Downtown Cumberland event is happening this coming weekend. Get Out and Get Downtown will encourage people to come out and enjoy Historic City Center with activities that can be done anytime throughout the summer. Activities include: Cyclist group, Yoga for Veterans, Runners meet up, Music from 1 to 3 with Night Traveler, YMCA Dance Class, Easter Egg sale, Optimus Riff from 6 to 9, and more.

Sponsorship Drive starting soon.

This Friday April 12th is the 3rd Annual Downtown Cumberland Jazz Crawl. There will be music at Corner Tavern, Ramada, Uncle Jacks, Mezzos, and Manhattan Social. Event starts at 6 at Manhattan Social

Executive Director Report-Mikayla Dodge

-Our 5 interns from Allegany College are planning a Beauty and the Beast Breakfast/Brunch on May 11th at the Culinaire Café. They have coordinated details with the cast of Beauty and the Beast from Cumberland Theatre. They are also working on decorations, kids activities, and a themed menu.

-One of our interns is working with me to update our list of business and building owners so we can use this for updating everyone on the Baltimore Street Redevelopment project, as well as events and activities in Downtown.

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-Attended the Main Street Maryland/Keep America Beautiful meeting on April 8th. All of the Main Streets will become Keep America Beautiful affiliates. I will be working with Ed Mullaney to put together a committee for this project. The Let's Beautify Cumberland group will be a big part of this process.

-Attended the Canal Town Partnership Meeting yesterday. The Canal Town Partnership is a regional economic and community development program along the C&O Canal. It is designed to assist the communities along the C&O to reap multiple benefits of trail-based tourism and recreation. The Towpath to Town brochure is ready to go to the printer.

-The Cumberland Day of Caring and Sharing will be May 17th. We have volunteers from the College Work Experience Program, our interns, Danny, Corey and myself who will all be participating in cleaning up the Downtown area and planting flowers by the stage.

-Currently working on updates to the Tear Away maps, as we have had a lot of changes to the map. The Allegany Arts Council received A&E funding to make this project possible. Along with the Tear Away maps, I am also working on getting updated information from Belsinger Sign Works to update the Wayfinding Signs as well.

-Christmas lights are DOWN! Danny and Corey are working on getting the Downtown area ready for Spring. The fountains will be filled up shortly.

Continue following the Facebook page! Cumberland Historic City Center

V. Old Business Economic Development Report – Paul Kelly

MCC approved the design plan.
State Highway reviewing plans and hope to have an answer soon.

Scheduled a meeting with EADS. Getting total plan and estimates done in 60 to 90 days, then it goes back to State Highway.

Baltimore street design committee will meet again to discuss parklets, trees, bathrooms outside, etc. How to best implement art plan and how construction will be done.
DDC working on updated email list of business/retail owners and building owners for Baltimore Street Redevelopment updates.
CEDC buying M&T Bank Building for \$500,000.00 and a grant from Governor.
Sending out an RFP to see the best way to use the building.
CEDC working with county to get a transportation station downtown.

Opportunity zones census track. No capital gains taxes if you buy a building and keep it for 10 years. List of buildings that could be for sale getting requests on what buildings

New Business

n/a

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Other New Business

Jim Miller ó new member on the board. Welcome Jim!

George Street Garage - signs not ordered, will be ordered next week. Engineering reviewing all internal signs. Going to figure out what we do need. Take down all signs we do not need. Color coordinate signs as well.

Julie Westerdorf is going to submit a grant for Public Art for the George Street garage. She is working on an application that's due the 29th to paint around the garage entrance.

There has been an increase in drug trafficking at upper end of mall. Options were discussed on a police presence.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD
May 9th, 2019**