

Downtown Improvement Committee

Minutes – January 13, 2023

In attendance: Marylou Blaisdell, Edward Hayes, Tim Sennott, Philip Sconstas, Rich Lannan via phone

Also in attendance Amy DeRoche and Dan O'Donnell Board President GAD

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by Marylou Blaisdell

Unanimously approved December with corrections of 3rd paragraph from the bottom correct year to 2023. Correct spelling of Philip.

Discussion of items approved at December meeting for expenditures for 2023 and discussion of dollars available.

Rich Lannan provided update on Arts Center and opening target of April 1.

Discussion on budget meeting on January 23rd, need to ask for time to present what committee has accomplished.

Introduction of Dan O'Donnell and discussion of GAD events and how business community can work on coordinating events and calendar. Dan stated the event list submitted by the ED of GAD has not been approved yet by the board of GAD. Dan very open to working together to make sure downtown businesses have a voice in events, what works what doesn't.

Amy stated the arts groups work together on a calendar of events for all groups in May and will ensure that GAD and DIC have input.

Marylou stated Alderman Lopez is organizing a downtown neighborhood watch meeting for January 30th at 9:00 a.m. at Caribbean Breeze restaurant. Tom will get information out to downtown.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.