

Minutes

Downtown Improvement Committee

May 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by chair, Marylou Blaisdell at 7:45 a.m. In attendance

In Attendance: Marylou Blaisdell, Rich Lannan, Michael Buckley, Phillip Scentsas, Danielle Skelley, Edward Hayes, Tim Cummings, Tim Sennott. Alderman Tom Lopez, Amy DeRoche

Via Zoom: Alderman Ben Clemmons

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Approval of April minutes, motion to accept Rich Lanna, seconded by Phillip Scentsas

Discussion:

- Barriers – barriers are being painted; the anticipated drop date is by May 30th. A letter has been sent to all restaurants to get approval from their landlords and abutters.
- Banners – spring banners have been installed.
- DPW and economic development working on adding additional cleaning for downtown from June – September. This would include sidewalk cleaning, extra trash removal from trash cans, power washing where needed. The committee has agreed to review paying for overtime and will review cost at June meeting. A walk around town will be organized with DPW to point out issues such as sidewalks in need of repair.
- Flowers for downtown will be planted by Memorial Day.
- Summer intern – applications are being taken for summer internship program.
- Lengthy discussion on the impact the day café at St. Patrick's has on downtown business. Tim has organized a meeting for business owners and social service agencies form May 25th at 9:00 a.m.
- Parking garages lighting in process of adjustments to LED lighting.
- June 8th taste of downtown will occur.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.