

MEETING MINUTES

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| Title | Downtown Improvement Committee Minutes – Unapproved |
| Location | City Hall Room 208 |
| Date | August 9 th 2019 |

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| Time Meeting Called To Order | 7:48AM |
| Members Present | Marylou Blaisdell (Chair), Steve Saxe, Amanda Schneck, Brandon Law (Alderman), Dave Grebowsky, Tim Cummings, Rich Lannan, Philip Scoontsas, Danielle Dion and Komba Lamina |
| Guests or Others Participating | Peter Schaefer, Edward Hayes, Lukas Sturm (Lumen Lighting) |

General Meeting Highlights/Notes/Brief Description of Meeting

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucas Sturm of Lumen Lighting was present to hear the Committee’s interest on lighting. He wanted direction as to where he and his team should focus. Members of the Committee expressed interest in lighting up the side streets especially streets that lead to parking areas. Members of the committee also expressed interest in lighting that goes across Main Street. However, the poles are not design to hold additional loads. Next step for Lumen Lighting is survey followed by design which they will present to the Committee. Lumen will not install. - Performing Arts Center (PAC): slight design change of the PAC due to cost. Construction drawings starts in October. - Tim Cummings mentioned that the Mayor and Economic Development is looking to develop a policy for banners to be hung on Main Street and would like the Committee’s input. Members of the Committee expressed that poles holding banners and the banners themselves shake when breeze blows. However, if this were to go forward, some of the things to consider are: who should hang banners, what the cost should be and amount of time banners stays up. Chair Blaisdell will invite the Director of Parks and Recreation, Nicholas Caggiano to advise the Committee in the September meeting. - Committee discussed legislation that will be presented to the BOA regarding free student parking. Alderman Kelly and the students were invited to present information to committee. No information was received to date. Concerns were reduction of parking revenue, abuse of the free parking and how other groups who want free parking will be handled. Tim Cummings advised the committee there is an RFP being prepared to study entire parking for the city. The Committee unanimously voted not to support free parking at the library. |
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Any Final Decisions Made

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion to issue a letter on behalf of the Committee opposing free parking for students around the library was introduced and passed unanimously. - Motion to suspend consideration of policy for banners on Main Street was introduced and passed unanimously. |
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| Motion To Adjourn By | Rich Lannan |
| Time | 9:35AM |
| Next Meeting | September 13 th 2019 |