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Downtown Committee
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Meeting Minutes 2.4.2020

Present: Kevin Dumas; Chair, Martha O'Connell, Beth Ashman-Collins, George Pantos, Neil Rhein, Eileen Cusack, Jack Cooney, Christopher George; Recorder,

Guests: Lee Azinheira (DPW), Gail Gillman (Cultural Council), Dick Kelsey (Congregational Church),

Call to Order

The Downtown Committee was called to order at 6:34pm by Chair Kevin Dumas.

Acceptance of Minutes

***Motion to accept the minutes from October 1, 2019 made by Mr. Rhein, 2nd by Mr. Pantos.**

Vote 6-0-1 PASSED

Introduction to Downtown Committee

Mr. Dumas provides an introduction to the Downtown Committee for new members.

Banner for Light Poles Discussion

Mr. George says he's been in discussion with Rileigh Outdoor Designs. He supplies the Committee with seasonal banner examples and asks them to use these and the catalog to design or think of design elements for the banners. He says that at the next meeting they'll all come together to design the banner drafts that he will then supply to the Banner Company. He says that there is no extra charge for custom designs and they should take advantage of that. He provides the committee with the examples.

Dog Waste Disposal Bag Dispensers Discussion

Mr. George overviews possible new dog waste disposal bag dispensers. The committee agrees that they would be beneficial. Mr. Azinheira says they are cheaper than the ones currently used. Mr. Dumas asks where they should place these dispensers. He says he knows Fulton Pond is a big place. Ms. Ashman-Collins says the North Common. Ms. O'Connell says the South Common near the parking lot would be helpful because a lot of people enter there. Mr. Azinheira says Fulton Pond and the beginning of the bike path would be the best options. He says hopefully there are poles nearby. Mr. Rhein says there are new signs on the bike path with poles. Mr. Dumas says, for Fulton, it should be closer to the parking lot. Mr. Azinheira says they'll start with two. Mr. George will send Mr. Azinheira the links to the products.

Any items not known 48 hours prior

Mr. Rhein fields for updates from his spreadsheet. He asks for suggestions on the name for Jimmy's Pub. Ms. Cusack says she saw this cool train made in Amish country that would work in the park. She says they could call it Downtown Mansfield Train Crossing. Mr. Rhein says we'd have to look at the space but it's a great idea.

Mr. Rhein talks about the potential to install a Bochy court in that park area. He asks what the next step would be if they wanted to do that. Mr. Dumas says they'd need to look at the regulations. Mr. Azinheira says they need to check the size. Mr. Pantos says there should be enough room there. Mr. Azinheira says he will perform research on this.

Mr. Rhein asks about the painting of the stairs at the MBTA station. Mr. Dumas says they need to ask with their contact with the MBTA to make sure it's possible.

Mr. Rhein asks about Ms. Wall's idea of painting the abandoned mail boxes. Ms. Wall says the art teacher is looking into it. Mr. Rhein asks if she has permission from the post office. Ms. Wall says she has permission from the Post Office Supervisor.

Mr. Rhein asks about the yarn bomb birds at Fulton Pond. Ms. Gillman says there's a push and there are members of the COA who are looking to participate. She says the high school has a yarn club that will also be involved. Ms. Gillman says they are currently under construction.

Mr. Rhein asks about the Mansfield geese project. Ms. Wall says they've talked with the same art teacher about bringing that to fruition. She says that's in the beginning phases.

Mr. Dumas says they need start talking about the Fall Festival after the Town Meeting. He says they've discussed hoping to start in in April.

The Committee discusses the current location of trash bins within the Downtown area. Mr. Rhein suggests they get new bins that have a lid. He says this will prevent them needing to be emptied as frequently. Mr. Azinheira will research this.

Ms. Wall says she's here for approval of her roadside panel. She presents the panel to the Downtown Committee. She says it will be located near Robinson's rock; which is near the parking lot entrance.

Adjournment

***Motion to adjourn at 7:48pm made by Ms. Ashman-Collins, 2nd by Mr. Rhein. Vote 7-0
PASSED**



Kevin Dumas, Chair



Date