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Kevin J. Dumas

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Downtown Committee

Meeting Minutes 8.13.2019

Present: Kevin Dumas; Town Manager, Neil Rhein, George Pantos, Nancy Wall, Christopher George; Recorder,

Guests: Lee Azinheira; DPW, Mark Cook; DPW, Gail Gilman; Cultural Council, Dianne Falk; Cardinal Marketing, Jay Barrows, Dick Kelsey; Congregational Church,

Call to Order

The Downtown Committee was called to order at 6:38PM by Chair Kevin Dumas.

Acceptance of Minutes

***Motion made to accept the minutes from June 29, 2019 made by Ms. Wall, 2nd by Mr. Rhein.
Vote 4-0 PASSED**

Fall Festival Working Group Update

Mr. Dumas yields the floor to Ms. Falk to present the Fall Festival information. She overviews the event for both Friday night and Saturday day.

Ms. Falk asks if the antique cars will be offering rides. Ms. Wall says no, she doesn't see it being feasible. Mr. Barrows says they have contacts with antique cars and they could contact them and fill the Mansfield Bank parking lot. Ms. Wall says these cars are over 100 years old and they're not looking for classic cars. Ms. Wall says they're planning on having the three in the driveway of the Copeland House. Mr. Barrows says his contacts would offer a random selection of classic vehicles and agrees they wouldn't want a competing draw. Mr. Cook offers some names of antique car owners. Ms. Falk says they can always build on this aspect for next year.

Ms. Falk says she'd like to get more restaurants, sponsors, and vendors involved; as she is hoping to move to print with promotional material soon.

Ms. Falk goes over the options for water lanterns. She provides background based on her research of local Town's who've done similar things.

Mark Cook provides an update on Fulton Pond. He says the curb has been completed. They're starting on electric and irrigation next week. He says he sees it being ready in time for the Fall Festival. He says they'll be installing some lighting that can be turned on and off as needed. Mr. Rhein asks if there'll be

any additional benches. Mr. Cook says yes, they'll be adding three in front of the parking lot and they'll be adding sand in front of the wall. Mr. Rhein asks if they'll be plating grass before or after the event. Mr. Cook says they're hoping to plant the grass in the first week of September. He says any area they seed will be protected.

Mr. Dumas asks for Mr. Cook to inquire about electrical needs. Mr. Cook asks Mr. Pantos if each vendor needs electrical. Mr. Pantos says yes and that he should know about one of the vendors by tomorrow. Mr. Cook says he spoke to Mike Ahearn and Mr. Ahearn says they should look at utilizing a power station. He says they could run one main feed cable into a central area and then they can run power out from that central location. Mr. Cook says he'll follow up with Mr. Ahearn tomorrow about power voltage requirements.

Mr. Dumas asks Mr. Pantos how his vendor implementation is coming. Mr. Pantos says he's just waiting to decide on flavors. Mr. Rhein says he'd like to see a cider at the Beer Garden. Mr. Rhein asks about the possibility of wine. Mr. Pantos will request wine from his vendors.

Mr. Dumas asks Mr. Cook to explain the fencing to be used. Mr. Cook overviews the fencing for the area.

Mr. Rhein asks if the beer garden will have any seating or tables. Mr. Pantos says they're working on getting a small amount of tables. Ms. Falk says they did budget for a few tall tables.

Mr. Rhein says they can use the signs from Family Fun Night in regards to trash and recycling.

Mr. Dumas asks Mr. Pantos to update the committee on the beer garden. Mr. Pantos says they'll be utilizing a wrist band system. People will pay a set amount to enter the beer garden and will be supplied tastings at 10oz and 12oz. Mr. Pantos says it'll be up to his discretion on who can stay or go based on what they've consumed in alcohol. Mr. Pantos says he's looking to charge around \$25.00 per wrist band. Mr. Dumas says concerns were raised at a staff meeting earlier about having signage for the beer garden such as, "Don't leave children unattended." "Be responsible with consumption." Mr. Pantos says that is not needed. He says he'll not allow anyone under the age of 21 in the Beer Garden. Mr. Pantos says there'll be no pets in the beer garden. Mr. Pantos says he'll be treating the beer garden as an extension of his business and will be the deciding authority on all items within the beer garden.

Mr. Cook says to keep in mind that there is no leash law in the Town of Mansfield. He explains that it can be off leash but it must be under control.

Mr. Cook suggests using a stamp instead of using a wrist band for the beer garden. Mr. Pantos says he'll use a stamp on top of the wrist band.

Mr. Rhein asks Mr. Pantos if the beer garden will be making him a profit. Mr. Pantos says yes. He says he's paying for the license, beer, and employees to run the beer garden. Mr. Rhein says the purpose of the beer garden is to have people enter for a casual beer. Mr. Pantos says people don't go to a beer garden for a casual beer. Mr. Pantos says the cheaper you make the beer then the cheaper the cliental will be.

Mr. Pantos says he'll figure out a capacity and put it on the fencing. He says this way he can move people out of the beer garden when capacity hits. Mr. Cook asks if Mr. Pantos will have security detail. Mr. Pantos says he'll be present with "Murph", his son, and his daughters.

Mr. Dumas says this first time will be a test run. He says the more family friendly they make the event, then the more successful the event will be.

Mr. Cook suggests they contact the Llama farmers to make sure they're ok with dogs or pets. He suggests having the Select Board dictate the Fulton Area to be a pet free area for this event. Ms. Falk will follow up with the Llama farmer. She says she's had experience with these particular llamas before and they're good with dogs.

Mr. Pantos asks how the neighbors will get in and out. Mr. Dumas says Lt. Bain has offered to visit with the neighbors who abut the event area and that Lt. Bain will help lead informing them of the event.

Mr. Kelsey offers to have people park in the Congregational Church parking lot and offers the interior to decorate the lanterns; if wind is a factor the day of the event.

Visitor Comments

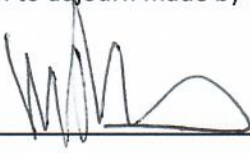
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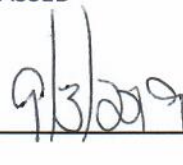
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Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Rhein, 2nd by Ms. Wall. Vote 4-0 PASSED



Kevin Dumas, Chair



Date