



Minutes

Downtown Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

10:00 AM

Public Works Conference Room,
1st Floor, City Hall

HYBRID MEETING DETAILS

24-00570 Please click the link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83331274129>
Webinar ID: 833 3127 4129
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.

ROLL CALL

*Present: Elizabeth Borders; Josh Carter; Rachelle (Sanders) Burch; Bill Hallanger; Ariel Large; Dawn Morgan; Pat Palmer; Allan Rudberg; Karl Salzsieder; Ruth Kendall, Council Liaison
Staff present: Ken Hash; Mary Chennault; Nancy Vandehey
Guest: Jonelle McCoy, Main Street Program*

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24-00551 MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2024

The minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

24-00576 NEW FOCUS IDEAS

- MAINSTREET PROGRAM
- JOINT MEETING WITH DOWNTOWNERS

Elizabeth Borders invited Jonelle McCoy from Main Street to give an overview. She is hoping to plan a joint meeting next month with Downtowners. Jonelle shared a few slides on the Main Street program. She provided examples of smaller communities using strong partnerships that have used the Main Street program for their cities. Funding comes from private pledges (businesses and individuals or lodging tax (LTAC) funding paying for non profit director for Main Street. Another option is a foundation

that might do a staggered support approach. Downtowners is the non profit. Zack (from Downtowners) asked for examples of how other communities have created a downtown where folks want to come and hang out. Jonelles examples were Walla Walla and Snohomish. There is a desire to invite other stakeholders for a joint meeting in the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

24-00574 EV CHARGERS DISCUSSION - UPDATE

There is no additional update for this item. It was asked to provide details on the EV chargers that were awarded by grants. When are they coming? It has potential to generate revenue for downtown from users charging their vehicles.

24-00575 VACANT PROPERTY STORE FRONTS, tabled from April

Nothing to update. This item can be removed from future agendas as it will be a focus in the Main Street program. An idea was to encourage vacant businesses to work with an artist to beautify their store front.

24-00577 RAINGARDEN FENCES - FOLLOW UP

Ruth Kendall provided a brief update.

REPORTS

24-00571 PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ruth Kendall provided an update for today's meeting. The focus from today was pulling information from us to get what we want to see. There was a lot of overlap on what people want to see going forward from business owners, downtown users, DAC members, and residents.

24-00572 LPD PARKING REPORTS

Mary Chennault reviewed the parking reports.

24-00573 DOWNTOWNERS REPORT

Ariel and Zack provided an update from the last meeting, including the new president. Downtowners are super focused on retail-focused events.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There was a brief discussion on picking a focus with the Main Street program to move forward. Elizabeth will reach out to Jonelle and try to coordinate an open house type format for a joint meeting the end of July.

ADJOURNMENT & JULY 16TH

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.