

Downtown Community Council

Marijuana & Alcohol Committee
Downtown Improvement Committee
Wednesday February 21st, 2018
Minutes

- I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER 5:38
 - Chair: Silvia Villamedes – Excused
 - Co-Chair: Jordan Hull – Absent
 - Chair: Russ Reno – Present
 - Co-Chair: Silvia Villamedes – Excused
 - Member: Norman Jay – Present
- II. There were a total of nine persons present for the Marijuana & Alcohol Committee
 - Sue Nowland
 - Jana Wehem
 - Joe McAnerey
 - Lance Licslik
 - Dwayne Weden
 - Dave Syren
 - Jim Renkert
- III. Presentation by “The Legendaries’ Museum and Gallery Lounge”
 - They plan on encompassing the main level of the two-story Reeve building. The old “Crush” location.
 - The first floor will be a Museum
 - The second floor will be a dispensary
 - They are looking for support and informed us they would be seeking a variance do to their proximity to a school.
 - They spent most of their time “selling” the museum rather than addressing the variance.
- IV. Discussion
 - The consensus of those present were concerned about the president of supporting the first ever variance.
 - Residents were concerned about concentration of dispensaries downtown
 - All were pleased with the concept but everyone had questions about the variance
- V. Conclusion
 - We advised the group to do their own research on how a variance for school proximity would affect downtown prior to coming back to our group.
 - We recommended they concentrate on the “Marijuana” portion rather than the museum portion of their presentation.

- Finally, we advised them to request proposal time during our general meeting at a later date once they had completed their research.
- We were given a 40 page pamphlet about the museum and less than a paragraph about their dispensary. I recommended they have two presentations. One for the general board and the other to the Committee.

VI. Downtown Improvement Committee

- We adjourned the M&A Meeting and excused anyone who needed to leave.
- Those who stayed: Russ, Norman & Jim

VII. 2018 Priorities Meeting

- **Lighting:** We recognized that 3rd Avenue had the least lighting. And most of the allies all over the downtown area were lacking sufficient lighting. It was suggested we create a map of the area and pin point lighting needs and suggestions. We would then make it available to all interested parties as a written needs assessment by the community (the two utilities and the city)
- **Ped. Crossing ADA Accessibility:** We already have a written request for a lighted crosswalk on 3rd and F Street. We recognized the lack of crosswalks on 5th Avenue and the speed limit on 3rd. It was suggested that we make a written proposal to the construction company that has improvements slated for 2018 by the beans café. It was suggested we request bike lane and wide sidewalks removing one lane. “if we start this plan with the current construction then we can set the presidents for new construction heading west.
- **Landscaping / Street Scaping / Park Improvements:** Jim was asked to give us his opinion of the Arber day grant. He is on the committee so he cannot be involved with a request for funds, however, he explained that we would most likely be approved. He also suggested that we propose the replacement of trees that are dying or dead. This would be more practical for our group as they are already maintained by the partnership and would not require future maintenance by us. We all agreed this would be a great project to plan this year and implement in 2019. We also discussed contacting property owners in our area with improvement suggestions for their property. Again 3rd Avenue came up as a concern for resurfacing and the addition of trees and shrubs along the way.
- **Crime and Safety:** We are recommending to the board that we all come up with at least one event or project each. How can we make our area of town safe and free of crime. This is something that needs to be discussed in detail but each of us with a different idea can give us a better plan going forward.
- **CONCLUSION:** All though our numbers were few at the meeting we were productive and came up with several ideas for 2018. The Downtown Improvement Committee will be recommending the above mentioned and a follow-up workshop to come up with additional ideas going forward.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned: 7:08pm