

DOWNTOWN GOSHEN ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

03/03/2022 Minutes of Meeting held at 7:30 AM in the Woodworkers' Guild*

Members present: Justin Bell, Dave Pottinger, Jonathan Wieand, & Scott Woldruff

Minutes - We approved the minutes of our 02/10/2022 meeting.

Christmas Decorations

- **Insurance Coverage** - Scott spoke with Jeffery Weaver, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, about whether our decorations are covered by the City's insurance. Scott gave him a value of \$48,000 (based on our most recent purchase of \$20,000 and figuring our 45 wreaths at a cost of around \$28,000). We are awaiting the insurance quote.
- **Attachment to Arches** - We want to attach the newer decorations below the arches and will need them to be at least 17 feet above the road surface. Justin reported that the arches planning allows for hanging banners under the arches and still leaving 17 feet below any banners.

Downtown Story Book Trail - Justin has not heard anything recently about this and will check with the organization planning it.

Downtown Arches - Justin will follow up with the Arches Committee to see if this can be moved along.

Poles for Banners/Christmas Decorations

- We will plan to determine proposed locations for the poles once the weather warms.
- We will need City Engineering to provide specifications for the poles before we can issue the necessary Requests for Proposal.
- Can we put the new poles in place of the mid-block street lights (adding lights on to them at the existing street light level) to avoid adding more obstructions on the sidewalks?
- We will plan to arrange for a test of using the former stop light pole arms, reorienting them so that wires for decorations or banners could be positioned perpendicular to the sidewalks. If that works well we could also do the same at the intersections of Main at Clinton and Jefferson and eliminate the need for as many dedicated poles.

Damage to Downtown Trees, Side Walks, and Planters - Jay had noted damages that may have been caused by our snow plowing contractor. Jay will take pictures for us to review at our next meeting.

Reimbursement of Building Owner - A building owner has informed us that his roof was damaged, causing water damage. When the new lights were installed his electrical system was inadvertently changed resulting the City's Christmas lights on his building being charged to his electric bill. We have agreed to reimburse him for the damages, installation of a separate meter, and the related electricity bills. We are awaiting his cost summary.

Cost Estimates for Priorities List - We are awaiting the City's cost estimates before presenting them to the Redevelopment Commission.

Additional Par-Time Employee Assistance - Scott will contact Jay to see how many hours of help she may need. Scott will then arrange with the City to have Jay's two helpers added to the payroll as part-time employees.

Bench and Trash Bin Replacements - Scott placed orders some time ago but they have been delayed due to Covid related production issues. We have one individual who will be purchasing a bench, with memorial plaque, to be placed adjacent to the Olympia Candy Kitchen.

NEXT MEETING: 04/07/2022 at 7:30 AM in the Woodworkers' Guild* on Washington St behind the Farmers Market
Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Wieand, Secretary (**Note - I will be unavailable for our April meeting.**)

*We moved our regular meetings to the Woodworkers' Guild to improve the ability of members to hear each other.