



## Downtown Pittsburg Advisory Board

Feb. 19, 2018 6:00 PM Minutes

**Meeting location:** Spigarelli Law Firm

**Board Attendees:** Heather Horton, Kala Spigarelli, Larry Fields, Ruth Ellen Simpson, Michael Fiene, Zac Dickey,

**Other Attendees:** Jay Byers, Kim Vogel, Brittan Brenner, Dick Horton

### OLD BUSINESS

- Discuss the purpose and role of DAB members (a recap)
- Confirm 1/15/17 Agenda Minutes\*
- Form Based Codes (Brittan)
  - Becky Gray has an intern in her office working on these guidelines named Brittan. They are being called, "Downtown Design Standards."
  - The first-draft of the document will be available to the Board at next month's meeting if not sooner.
    - The Infrastructure committee – Downtown Advisory Board – City Commission
  - Will be completed altogether by May 11<sup>th</sup> when her internship is completed.
- \*Common Consumption Laws (Kala & Jay)
  - There is concern regarding the requirement for streets involved to be closed to traffic during times in which common consumption is taking place.
    - Start with small events that are already established and broaden out from there.
  - City staff (maybe Becky, Jay and Sydney?) will draft an ordinance to present to the Commission for them to pass.
  - Who would be responsible and what would it look like?
    - This would put responsibility on the bar owners and not one person individually.
    - They would still have to have distinguishing cups as well.
    - Police would be involved for enforcement and support.
- Vacancy Ordinance (Becky)

- “demolition by neglect”
- House Bill 25-06: a bill going through the Kansas Legislature that would alter vacancy requirements.
  - One particular area of concern is changing the requirement of the city to intervene after 90 days to making them wait 15 months.
- This limits the power and authority of the Building Official.
- Historical Building Research (Jay)
  - One way to save historical buildings is to give them a story and to broadcast it.
  - Mr. Childers from the University will be conducting research in his classes for this.
    - Start with the four Block 22 buildings and continue from there.
    - Jay’s RFP will be used as a teachable scenario for the students. They will act upon it as if it were a real business transaction they could be hired for in the future.
- Roofs/Sprinklers (Jay)
  - Looking for financial ways to support the installation of fire suppression in buildings.
    - No money put into projects that do not include both roofs and sprinklers.
  - There is an unwritten rule in downtown areas to save the people and neighboring buildings before the actual burning building itself.
  - What is the City doing with Mike’s New & Used and the north lots?
    - John Doe owns the northern lots and is looking to expand parking in the back parts and some sort of redevelopment in the front, Broadway facing, part.
    - City is also working with Doe to tear down Mike’s New & Used together and sell that to Mr. Doe as well.
- Interactive Mapping (Jay)
  - Trying to create an interactive Downtown Map
    - Click on a building and get information about it.
  - Mike Fienen may be able to assist in this capacity
    - Side business that does interactive maps.
- Fire Suppression on 5<sup>th</sup> (Jay)
  - This is completed and went well.
- Calendar of Events
  - Kim will send out an updated events calendar that goes through May.
  - Add Baja on Broadway
    - Talk to Watco about assisting in planning this again.

- Add the Dance Studio's Recitals
- Block 22 Updaye (Sydney)
- Downtown Censors (Jay)
  - Sidewalks, lights, and censors are being installed all over Downtown this Spring/Summer.
    - An effort to increase safety and security.
    - At least a dozen censors will be implemented and two dozen cameras.
      - All feeds will go straight into the Police Department.
- Murals & Public Art
  - These are being included and outlined in the Design Standards.
- Parking Lots (Jay)
  - Cameras will help track what lots are being heavily used and which ones are not.
  - Parking Lot north of the Besse
    - Being completely redone
    - With the help of engineers there will be a dozen new spaces added making the lot hold 70 spaced now.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Wayfinding/Signage (Kim)
  - 20 new signs are going in town directing people to different areas of town.
  - Should be installed by CDC next month.
  - Preferred bike routes will also be sent out as well.
    - Joplin to Quincy then over to Locust all the way down to Block 22.
    - No suggested biking on Broadway
- Branding Guide
  - Marketing committee is working to update the document.
- Committee Sign-Up
  - Infrastructure: Larry, Ruth Ellen
  - Marketing: Zac, Michael

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

\*Jay needs to check in on a bill from Marrone's.

\*INDICATES THAT ACTION IS REQUIRED