



Downtown Pittsburg Advisory Board May 21, 2018 Minutes

There was a general discussion of the **Baja on Broadway** event last Thursday; there was much positive feedback from both the community and the students; food trucks had excellent sales; the event represented the community well; there was some confusion about the start time with the students and carts arriving near 7:00 when some of the advertising said it started at 6:00, but PSU was in charge of the transportation and the police escort and arrival was impactful; will work on improving communication in the future.

The **Downtown Design Standards** document was approved by the City Commission at their last meeting; Brittan, Becky and Jay explained its creation and purpose; Larry Fields explained the public process and changes that were made to the original draft based on input from public meetings and discussions within the DAB; there was one member of the public that spoke against it, but the Commission voted unanimously to adopt it.

The creation of a **Common Consumption Area** in the downtown was discussed; Kala was reviewing ordinances from other jurisdictions and reviewing the State statute to determine how it could best be applied to Pittsburg; the proposal was made to make the entire Downtown Overlay a Common Consumption Area but include in the ordinance a clause that requires that an Event Permit be submitted to the City for each event that invokes the CCA so that a specific area can be marked off; the idea is to make it similar in management to a beer garden; Kala agreed to prepare a sample ordinance and distribute to the DAB for review, then have the City Attorney review it and make a recommendation to the City Commission to pass it; the participation of the bars is required and Zach agreed to contact bar owners to enlist support and participation.

The Colonial Fox Foundation has received a grant to have a **Welcome to Downtown party for Block 22** students on August 18th. The Foundation is working with PSU on arrangements. It is an opportunity to introduce the new downtown residents to the businesses downtown. The DAB Events and Marketing Committees will coordinate with the Foundation.

Brittan is putting together a **Structural Integrity Program** which will make funds available (probably through low-interest loans) toward preserving buildings; this would fund improvements that would ensure the stability of the building such as roofs, tuck-pointing and other exterior sealing, basements, foundations or other construction so we don't lose more buildings.

The DAB was presented with the two responses from a Request for Proposals that were due last week for the **redevelopment of the now-vacant lot at 113-117 W. 5th St.** There was much discussion concerning the two proposals; one was from an adjacent landowner (Mullen) with long ties to the downtown and involved a covered space with open walls, garage doors opening to a performance space, restrooms, and an office; the other (from Rise Development) was a three-story building with commercial

space on the first floor and loft apartments above; while the three-story building represented a more substantial investment, there was some concern that the adjacent landowner should have consideration due to history and proximity; a vote was taken and the Rise Development was selected as the proposal to recommend.