



Downtown Pittsburg Advisory Board

June 18, 2018 | 6PM Minutes

Meeting Location: Spigarelli Law | Broadway St | Pittsburg, KS 66762

Members Present: Larry Field, Michael Fienen, Heather Horton, Ruth Ellen Simpson, Kayla Spigarelli

Others Present: Brittan Brenner, Jay Byers, Quentin Holmes, Dick Horton

OLD BUSINESS

- Confirm 5/21/18 Agenda Minutes – Approved unanimously
- Updates on the following items-
 - B22 Move-In Day
 - Colonial Fox received a \$10,000 grant. They are looking to close off the block north of Fourth Street and will apply for a special events permit. They are wondering what people would think about closing both Fourth Street and Broadway for the duration of the party.
 - Simpson brings up the point of safety for persons near the barricades and the convenience for persons travelling through using those highways as thoroughfares.
 - Byers mentions there may potentially be a New Year's Party that would require the closure of both fourth and Broadway. While Horton points out that there are other times throughout the year that both are closed such as the parade.
 - Spigarelli suggests we simply ask KDOT and if they approve it, do it and if not then don't.
 - B22 Rumors
 - Simpson inquires of the status of the management for the project, stating that she has heard rumors that it won't be completed and that they are running low on capital.

- Byers responds that the previous General did step-down and return to Crossland as the finishing work was tedious and intricate due to the historical requirements the projects has. They have brought in Dustin Wilson who is good at the finishing pieces and is prepared to get things moving in that regard. There is plenty of money and the residential spaces will be done on time.
- Wayfinding Signs
 - All members like the look and design of the signs.
 - Fields suggests that it might be better to direct the St. Mary's Colgan traffic down Locust St. rather than directing them down Broadway St.
- Redevelopment of -113-117 W. 5th
 - Commissioner O'Bryan approached Spigarelli in the gym and inquired if her opinion would have changed knowing the reaction that ensued. Spigarelli calls for consideration of the process DAB undergoes in matters pertaining to City Property transactions.
 - Spigarelli inquires as to who researches and adjusts the ordinances when recommendations are made on behalf of the Downtown Advisory Board?
 - Byers explains that it is dependent on how the information/request is presented to City Administration.
 - Spigarelli suggests that following is request for advisement, the DAB should discuss:
 - A: is this our role and are we going to do it?
 - B: what are we going to do about it and how?
 - Fields agrees with this recommendation.
 - Horton reminds that the role of the DAB is an advisor role. That should be remembered.
 - Suggested Solutions:
 - Take a month to process information
 - This is our recommendation for the Downtown if the City can make it happen.
 - Here's what we want to include in the ordinance, take it to the City Administration to make it happen.
- Common Consumption
 - Larry Fields makes motion to recommend the city present the concept of common consumption to the City Commission using Kala's ordinance as the outline.
 - Michael Fienen seconds
 - Vote: 5-0-0

- Spigarelli asks of the process from here
 - Send ordinance to City then Meghini will finalize it then take to the Commission for approval.
 - It would be discussed on July 10th or July 24th (would be in time for Art Walk and B22 party)
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Signet Mural
 - All in favor of the design and are eager to see it completed.
 - Vote: 5-0-0
 - Besse Hotel
 - Byers explains it is undergoing a structured foreclosure to ensure that upon finalizing the foreclosure an owner will be prepared to purchase and begin renovating the structure. The plan so far is for the bottom to be commercial and the top to be market rate residential spaces.
 - Spigarelli asks if the Lords Diner will move.
 - Byers explains that it will remain as it is.
 - The Pitt
 - Has asked a couple members about how to change the ordinance requiring minors to leave at 9PM to have them leave at 10PM instead. This is required of them because they have a dance hall license.
 - Board agrees to recommend they attend a Commission Meeting and plead their case during Public Input.
- **Final Thoughts**
 - Mark your calendars for the upcoming Board Collaboration Luncheon between the DAB and the Land Bank. More information will come via email this week.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:22PM.