



Downtown Pittsburg Advisory Board

July 16, 2018 | 6PM Agenda

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

Members Present: Larry Fields, Michael Fienen, Heather Horton, RuthEllen Simpson, Brad Snow, and Kala Spigarelli

Others Present: Sydney Anselmi, Brittan Brenner, Jay Byers, Quentin Holmes, Ali Smith, Tim Tompkins, Kim Vogel

OLD BUSINESS

- Confirm 6/18/18 Agenda Minutes
 - Minutes will be sent out via email and approved electronically.
- Common Consumption- July 24, 2018 Commission Meeting
 - Lieutenant Tim Tompkins | Pittsburg Police Department
 - Background Information: The State of Kansas passed a law that allows for Downtowns to become areas of common consumption so long as certain parameters are met.
 - The Downtown Advisory Board used preexisting ordinances to determine an outline. They then used those to create an ordinance that would work for the City of Pittsburg.
 - Downtown Overlay would be the common consumption area, but only certain areas would be treated as such should the event permit state the desire for common consumption. The event permit would trigger the common consumption area.
 - Lieutenant Tompkins met with Sergeant Fries to discuss the ordinance:
 - Its smart and something we should have done a while ago
 - It makes enforcement easier for PD as it eliminates snow fencing and smaller areas.
 - In the ordinance it talks about a plastic cup with the logo, bottles and cans cannot come out of the bars. Once you step outside an ABC license premise, your drink must be in a plastic cup with a logo. Can we make this a little clearer?

- Event management: wrist bands for special events to know they are connected with the event and have been carded
 - From the policing standpoint: as long as the bars are carding people coming in and have someone at the door to keep bottles and cans inside the buildings, PD sees no problem.
 - Bike patrol would be great for these types of events.
 - DAB has met with City of Pittsburg Police Department, Alcoholic Beverage Control, and local bar owners.
- Review the collaboration (DAB and Land Bank) Meeting from Wednesday
 - Have a representative of the Downtown Advisory Board present when voting on parcels that are in the Downtown Overlay District
 - Fienen: Why wasn't the 5th street property put in the land bank?
 - Byers: The land bank is to bank parcels of land. In the case of 5th street there were issues of public safety, emergency, adjacent building's stability, and there was an interested developer in play already. So we didn't need to place it in the land bank. We were moving very fast; we should've slowed down.
 - The land bank is just a tool for the City to use.
 - Fienen: Is there any other city property that is for sale and not in the land bank?
 - Byers: Not any right now in that condition. There is city owned lots that are not in the land bank
 - Fienen, Horton, and Snow are all willing to be present when needed at Land Bank

NEW BUSINESS

- National Domestic Violence Awareness (October)
 - Ali Smith | Prevention Education Specialist, Safehouse Crisis Center
 - Planning for programming for Domestic Violence Awareness in October
 - Purple Lights Nights
 - Use purple solar lights to light up the trees on Broadway in Downtown.
 - 72 foot strands
 - Businesses and citizens can sponsor trees.
 - \$14 for a small tree & \$28 for a large tree
 - Safehouse would put the lights up and take them down.
 - October 1- October 31
 - Vogel will work with Smith to find a good solution for signage on trees.
 - Sponsorship
 - Snow comments that the sponsorships are way too cheap.

- Smith states that SafeHouse doesn't want it to be a fundraiser, just wants to raise awareness
 - Commitments
 - Snow will take all of trees on the east side of Broadway from 2nd to 3rd Street.
 - Spigarelli will sponsor the trees in front of her office.
 - Simpson moves for approval
 - Spigarelli seconds
 - Final Vote: 6-0-0
- Marketing Committee Report
 - Approval of Changes to the Mission Statement
 - Proposed new mission statement:
 - "The mission of the Downtown Advisory Board and supporting committees is to preserve the past while creating opportunity for a promising future through revitalization efforts that foster community."
 - Fienen moves to adopt
 - Snow seconds
 - Final Vote: 6-0-0
 - Tote Bags/Branding
 - They are being printed locally at First Edition. 500 bags will be printed with the design selected by the Marketing Committee.
 - Simpson: the term "shop local" is a turn-off for her. It would infer to persons out of town should shop in their hometowns rather than in Pittsburg.
 - Brenner: the design more so refers to the shop local movement that encourages people to support small businesses everywhere.
 - B22 move In/Block Party
 - Vendors can purchase a table for \$50 for the day.
 - Heather will be sending out an email to Downtown Contacts advertising this opportunity.
 - Gift Baskets will be made for all Block 22 residents from donations from Downtown Business owners.
 - The Little Flower Shop is donating one flower to each room, coffee mugs for students to use at Root.
 - Horton: will the same be done for businesses/offices when they move in.
 - Anselmi: she hadn't thought of that but absolutely they could be made.
- Infrastructure Committee Report

- Structural Integrity Loan Program
 - Brenner and Holmes presented a Structural Integrity Loan Program to the EDAC last week in hopes of providing aid to Downtown Property Owners when they make improvements to the infrastructure of their buildings.
 - The EDAC was skeptical.
 - Brenner will now move forward by meeting with the Infrastructure Committee to create a proposal to then be approved by the Downtown Advisory Board to recommend to the EDAC.
- Katrina Ringler from the Kansas Historical Society came and presented to the committee last Thursday as well.
 - Great information on grant opportunities and ideas for preserving the Downtown.
 - Ideas included: the creation of a historical district, surveying, architects on retainer for property owner's use, etc.
 - Infrastructure Committee is interested in:
 - Educating on the change to the law regarding buildings on the historical register, surveying our Downtown, and applying for some grants.
- SEK ArtFest Benches
 - Horton: could we bid on one of the benches?
 - They are made of fiberglass and have to be anchored down.
 - If one were purchased who would get to keep it?
 - Snow points out that if the DAB does bid on one it might set a precedent that they buy/bid on things regularly.
 - Perhaps since there are so few this year they will go quickly and someone might donate one to the Downtown.
 - Sale is set to be in September and they are located in Meadowlark Mall right now for viewing.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12PM.