



Downtown Pittsburg Advisory Board

August 20, 2018 | 6PM Minutes

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: Brittan Brenner, Ryan Burtch, Jay Byers, Quentin Holmes, Dick Horton, and Bruce Mullen

OLD BUSINESS

- Confirm 7/16/18 Agenda Minutes
 - Fienen moves to approve the minutes.
 - Simpson seconds.
 - Final Vote: 5-0-0 (Snow was not yet present for voting)
- Common Consumption
 - Byers reports that the state has approved the City's application.
 - Horton discussed the meeting held last Monday that included bar owners, board representatives, and city representatives to discuss the common consumption.
 - Mullen voiced concerns of liability that would fall to the bar owners that cause hesitation for his establishment to participate.
 - Horton reinforced that cameras in establishments would aid in mitigating that risk by providing evidence of who was served and who was not.
 - PD has also requested that those who are served are given wristbands to identify those who have been carded.
 - Mullen provides examples of concern for his establishment that impede them from participating in the common consumption areas for the time being:

- What if someone leaves the common consumption area with our cup?
 - What if they give the beer they buy to their underage roommate?
 - What if the bar who served them last's cup is found in a car that has been involved in a wreck?
 - Byers affirms that if things don't work out, the ordinance can always be revoked.
- Spigarelli inquires as to who has applied for the common consumption area for the upcoming Art Walk Event.
 - The Pitt, TJ Leland's, and The Break have applied to the state.
- Fienen inquires as to if we are planning to follow-up with the bar owners after Art Walk to see how the common consumption areas go.
 - Byers agrees and states that a debrief will be help.
- Report back about Back to Broadway Event
 - Sydney Anselmi sent in the following report regarding the events on August 18, 2018:
 - “Back to Broadway and move in went very, very well and it was a tremendous weekend for sure!”
 - Horton explained that they hosted a booth and had a good turnout. They sold a lot of Boba Tea and met several families. Their shop was also open and did well.
 - Simpson stated that she went to observe and was very impressed by the variety of vendors and the turnout of the community.

NEW BUSINESS

- Request to encourage Downtown Business Employees to park off Broadway
 - Sent by Leah Posterick, potentially a mini marketing campaign?
 - The parking is still two-hour parking but there is no longer a Parking Enforcement Officer.
 - We have received information from business owners regarding parking and are responding to those.
 - Mullen explained a situation where a student seemed confused as to where they could park should one lot be full.
 - Brenner stated that she would work with the Housing Office to speak to the students regarding

parking and have that conversation be more intentional and informative.

- Simpson explained that when Art Forms opened the volunteers didn't realize that they should park around the corner rather than in front of the building. It simply took a conversation and the problem was solved there. Maybe people just don't know to park elsewhere.
 - Brenner stated that by using the Downtown Directory that communication could be sent out quite easily.
- Byers stated that there is a plan to hire a professional firm to come and address parking at the beginning of 2019. There is also a shuttle that is free to everyone that runs from Block 22 south to Cleveland and Broadway (in front of Russ Hall).
- Historical Preservation Fund
 - Brenner stated that the odds for receiving these grants are quite good. Be thinking of ideas for us to apply for these grants. Some ideas include but are not limited to:
 - Architect/Engineer on retainer for community to use.
 - Survey of all Downtown buildings.
- Downtown Business Directory
 - Brenner will be walking letters to all Downtown Businesses in the coming month that provides a link to a survey that will provide up-to-date information on businesses that will be used for contacting people in the Downtown Area.
- B22 Innovation Challenge
 - Sydney Anselmi sent in the following report:
 - For the item of Innovation Challenge, we are launching a contest/challenge for B22 students to kick off the entrepreneurship and innovation side of things for the Foundry (which will hopefully open mid-September!) We want to center it around a "problem" (not necessarily a problem in the typical sense) involving the downtown. This could be issues such as art downtown, power to the streets, even what they would like to see downtown. Please brainstorm a little and send me your thoughts! Thank you all!
 - Ideas provided include:
 - Bird Control
 - Student Engagement with Downtown Events
- Upcoming Events Downtown
 - Art Walk is this Friday, August 24th
 - Broadway will be closed from 4th Street-7th Street at 3:30PM.

- Art Fest Benches will be on display at Memorial Auditorium during Art Walk.
- Paint the Town Red is in September.
- Little Balkans Day
 - Discussion as to why some events are held in Lincoln Park rather than Downtown.
 - What can be done to bring more people to the event?
- Basement Comedy starts September 6th.
 - The first comedian was just on Jimmy Fallon last Wednesday.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Veo Ride Bikes
 - This is a pay-by-minute service that allows people to rent bikes as needed. It is currently used on campus, but they are wanting to expand throughout the community.
 - The All Aboard Foundation could really use a bike rack- perhaps that would be a good place for a station.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52PM.