



## **Downtown Pittsburg Advisory Board**

**September 17, 2018 | 6PM Minutes**

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

**Members Present:** Zac Dickey, Larry Fields, Michael Fienen, Heather Horton, RuthEllen Simpson, and Kala Spigarelli

**Others Present:** Sydney Anselmi, Brittan Brenner, Jay Byers, Quentin Holmes, Dick Horton, and Bruce Mullen

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM
- Confirm 8/20/18 Agenda Minutes
  - Simpson moves to approve as presented
  - Spigarelli seconds
  - Final Vote: 4-0-0 (Dickey & Fields were not yet present for voting)
- Report about Downtown Events
  - Artwalk
    - Common Consumption
      - Horton: Talked to both bars and PD about how the event went. There were no Police issues. There as one incident where a girl had an ArtWalk wristband but did not have the bar's wristband, she was not of age and was kicked out of the bar.
      - Byers: There were no police issues.
- Rocky Horror Picture Show
  - Fienen: Friday night the event went well. It was pretty hot but there was still a strong turn out and people had a good time.
- Bridal Crawl
  - Horton: It seemed like there weren't as many brides but there were still several that were involved.
    - Fienen: How many were there?
      - Horton: Usually there are around 100 brides and there were maybe only 25.
    - Byers: Wasn't there a Bridal Event in Joplin?

- Horton: There was one in Joplin on Sunday, but still the same weekend, so competition.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Bike Racks
  - Byers: VeoRide has come to the City with dock-less, GPS monitored bikes for rent in the community. You download an app, load money to your account, and scan the code on the bike to unlock it and ride the bike around town. It costs 50 cents for every 15 minutes. Dock-less bikes have been an issue in other cities; a way to mitigate that is to have bike racks where the bikes can be left to ensure they aren't left all over the place on sidewalks or streets. VeoRide also provides heat maps to monitor heavily used areas. Block 22 and other downtown locations have been used significantly for biking; we would like to provide some racks around this area to promote alternative modes of transportation.
    - Byers: VeoRide also has an employee whose job is to go around and do what they call balancing, which is moving bikes to commonly used areas and fixing them.
    - Dickey: Is this something that Tailwinds could do on their own?
      - Byers No, the GPS sensors and the monitoring of them is something that is really necessary here and the level of sophistication of VeoRide would be greatly beneficial.
    - Anselmi: Allen county uses their local bike shop but they don't have the geo locators and we would really need those locators here. There have been several bikes in the Brenner Mortuary.
    - Byers: The city is also currently working on an ordinance to regulate and allow e-bikes and dock-less vehicles.
      - Simpson: Where are the bikes racks for these bikes?
        - Anselmi: There are no bike racks dedicated to VeoRide bikes specifically. They are allowed to park the bikes anywhere.
      - Fields: Should the bike racks we install also be charging stations for the e-bikes that are to come? What is the cost of these racks?
        - Byers: Probably not, they vary in price but are typically about \$1000 apiece and they hold about a dozen bikes. The City is looking to enter into an MOU with VeoRide for these bikes.
        - Horton: Could ATAB make a recommendation of top three locations and styles? Then the DAB can discuss next month?
        - **Byers: Could someone attend ATAB next month?**

- Murals/Public Art
    - Brenner: How does the DAB feel about putting dollars toward promoting public art or how do you feel about playing a role in promoting that in the community?
      - Horton: A lot of cities offer a walking tour of local art that is free. You can plan a day and walk around and look at things. You don't have to spend money but often times people eat and shop and look around.
      - Spigarelli: What buildings would be used?
        - Brenner: There is a list of buildings that have been identified as good locations for murals. We could go off that list.
          - Anselmi: The alleys of B22 are torn up. Maybe the alleys behind some of the bars would be really neat as they are pretty heavily trafficked.
          - Horton: Vonnie has some sketch-up art of a corridor of art.
            - Anselmi: The goal was that we could take advantage of the side streets to make them a walk friendly place.
      - Byers: some towns have some designated alleys for graffiti art so long as it isn't lewd.
      - Spigarelli: How will it happen if we don't pay for it.
        - Horton: ArtFest does have grants and matching grants.
    - Horton: Who could organize this?
      - Brenner: She'll start working on organizing with ArtFest and collecting more information.
- Tree Complaints
  - Byers: The City is going to remedy this issue. The trees will be replaced periodically as they are too big. There are about 60 and we will replace a third of them every year for the next three years. They are not salvageable. They will be replaced with a better species that is better shade and will be better.
    - Simson: So it will not be one area at a time?
      - Byers: They won't be one area at a time but rather those who need replaced the most first then move on to the others. This will also mitigate the bird problem. The trees have created a habitat for the birds.
      - Byers: The criteria for replacing the trees will be if birds are congregating and if it is damaging infrastructure.
      - Horton: The tree in front of the cake shop is large and covering their signs but people still come in daily and say they came in because of the signs.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Block 22
  - o Horton: Is the bird issue still on the table for the student competition?
    - Anselmi: Yes, it is. I need to re-engage the people in charge of that though.
- Sanford Fire Safety Maps- Springfield
  - o Fields: They did them every five years up to WWI and then they slowed down and updated up to WWII. They quit doing them in the late 1960s. The bigger cities would have had more frequent ones. The insurance companies were the first buyers, now they'll make copies.
- Facebook Message
  - o Horton: They received a message on Facebook; a woman said she will never return because some kids threw a pop can at her while she was walking. We don't think she filed a police report. Horton responded to the message.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.