



Downtown Pittsburg Advisory Board

November 19, 2018 | 6PM | Agenda

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

Members Present: Heather Horton, Zac Dickey, Larry Fields, Michael Fienen, RuthEllen Simpson, and Brad Snow

Others Present: Brittan Brenner, Jay Byers, Michelle Fowler, Quentin Holmes, Dick Horton, and Heather Orscheln

OLD BUSINESS

- Confirm 9/17/18 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to adopt, seconded
 - Final Voting: 5-0-0 [Dickey absent]

NEW BUSINESS

- Board Membership
 - Brenner: In looking over the ordinance, at-large members serve a one-year term the first year and subsequently serve two year terms. All other positions will serve two-year terms. No member can serve more than three consecutive terms.
 - Simpson: Only the original at-large members served the first term of one year.
 - Fienen: Depends on how you read the ordinance. It could be taken both ways.
 - Brenner will check with the City Clerk to make a determination.
 - Brenner: Those who are applying are asked to come to the November 27th Commission Meeting or submit a resume for Commissioners to look over. Email reminders of this will be sent out Tuesday, November 20th.

- Small Business Saturday Update
 - Brenner: Small Business Saturday is this Saturday from 10AM-12:30PM. They will be handing out passports in the Block22 Courtyard. If you get 10 stamps and return it you will be entered to win a prize.
 - Orscheln: The event is only 2.5 hours?
 - Byers: Most people go around and get their stamps and then return to continue shopping.
- Downtown Development & Property Update
 - 113 W. 5th St.
 - Holmes: The chosen developer failed to meet their deadline, therefore the city has rejected their proposal. The City has approached the other developer who was interested, they are considering it. Should they change anything about their proposal, the City Commission will have to approve it again. Should any changes be made to the proposal, we will go through the process with the Land Bank.
 - Simpson: When do they have to know what they are going to do?
 - Holmes: They do not have a hard deadline, they will be provided a week or two and then he will reach out for an answer.
 - Land Bank Requirements
 - Byers: The Land Bank requires plans to acquire a property. Should the plan and timeline not be met they will take the building back.
 - Budget for the Downtown Advisory Board
 - Byers: The remainder of the funds are going to be used to purchase new trees. The state forester is in town to give a consultation for the trees Downtown.
 - Opportunity Zones
 - Holmes: The Downtown Overlay District is in an Opportunity Zone. A person with capital gains who doesn't want to pay capital gains tax, they can invest in a project that is in an opportunity zone and through the process can avoid paying capital gains on the original gain in addition to the gains made on the original investment.
 - December 12th: Opportunity Zone Forum

- Several speakers are coming to discuss Opportunity Zones and how to become involved through investment.
- Besse Hotel
 - Byers: Has gone through foreclosure. The acquisition of this through the foreclosure will be considered based upon plans sent in to the bank. The bank sends out the information for the acquisition.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Parking Update:
 - Byers: the cameratization monitoring has been ineffective due to the inability to place the cameras on the power-poles. However, complaints have significantly decreased.
 - Brenner: No complaints have come through their office in nearly two months.
- Lighting Downtown
 - Orscheln: The area behind her building has several wanderers and is not well lit.
 - Byers: If workers feel unsafe, feel free to call Holmes to meet with the individuals or contact PD. Lighting in the area can also be addressed.
- Bike Racks (Dockless vehicles)
 - Byers: The City is working on an ordinance for dockless vehicles. These are coming.
- Normal December Meeting- December 17th

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.