



Downtown Pittsburg Advisory Board

March 18, 2019 | 6PM Agenda

Meeting Location: Block 22 | Broadway St | Pittsburg, KS 66762

Members Present: Larry Fields, Michael Fienen, Heather Horton, Amy Sawyer

Others Present: Brittan Brenner, Jay Byers

OLD BUSINESS

- Confirm 02.18.19 Minutes
 - Motion to approve, seconded
 - Final Vote: 4-0-0
- Bird Control Downtown
 - Logan Martin (Kansas Fish & Game) is the person that should be contacted.
 - Recommend a Peregrine Falcon
 - Fastest bird in the world reaching speeds of 200 MPH when diving
 - Their diets are pigeons and starlings; they will eat a songbird if they can't find one of the other birds.
 - They come in pairs, they would nest in the habitat provided by Fish & Game.
 - The habitat would need to be on the Besse Hotel.
 - The habitat would be placed there and we would wait for the pair to come.
 - There is a 50/50 chance that they would come, we have a good chance since the Besse is the highest point in the region.
 - Maintenance

- There is no maintenance, they just come and live. We need permission from the owner of the Besse to place the habitat there.
 - There is no cost associated with bringing the falcons.
 - Marketing
 - We need the public's buy-in on this.
 - There is a boy scout badge for this, it is nature's way of handling the issue.
 - Talk about it at the Meet N Mingle.
 - Motion to have Jay reach out to the Besse owner for permission, seconded.
 - Final Vote: 4-0-0
- ATAB Review
 - Zac passed on the notes. They are leaning towards reverse parking.
 - The west side of City hall has angle parking, we would be willing to repaint and allow people to practice. Or other side streets that are not as busy.
 - Are there many accidents downtown?
 - No, because the speed limit is 20 MPH and there are stop lights every block.
 - There isn't much of a decision for us to make, we are prepared to support ATAB in their recommendation.
- Process for Event Funding
 - What percentage?
 - It's easier to go up than go down.
 - 25% seems like a good place to start
 - Motion to approve the form as written with amendment to make it 25%, Amy seconds
 - Final Vote: 4-0-0
- Kansas Historical Society- Survey Grant

- Grant is being reviewed by the State. Will make revisions when provided and Brittan will send a copy of the final submission prior to sending it to the state.
- Part of this should be informing people about registering your buildings with the state.
- Marketing Committee Progress
 - Planning for the Downtown Event has begun.
 - April 18th from 7p-9p
 - Committee has requested a budget of \$2,000.
 - Motion to approve budget, seconded.
 - Final Vote: 4-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

- Parking Concerns
 - A downtown business owner has complained about decreased parking in front of his business on 4th street.
 - Seems a little early to decide, the project isn't complete.
 - Invite him to come to an infrastructure committee meeting if he wants to talk about it.
 - Parking Control Officer
 - Discussions to potentially hire a part time employee next year have begun.
 - Will this mean the tickets will be like they were?
 - Potentially, hiring a PEO doesn't solve issues, it brings more to the forefront.
- Commission Report
 - Michael is giving the report tomorrow to the Commission. Gave brief synopsis of what he will talk about.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Earth Day (4/20/19)
 - The Sustainability Advisory Committee is putting on Earth Day this year.
 - Please pass these flyers out to people.
 - Would the DAB be interested in having a table?
 - Michael is willing to coordinate with Brittan to work something up.
- SEK NOW Women Suffrage Day (2020)
 - They are wanting assistance reaching out to Downtown businesses next year to decorate for this event.
 - They were instructed to reach out closer to the event and we can send out an email or something.
- Plans for the Besse Hotel?
 - No firm plans yet. There will be residence of some sort. Commercial or hotel is considered as well. No matter what, it will be mixed-use.
 - Community Development Corporation
 - Looking to start a CDC, this allows the private industry to become more involved.
 - Mat Burton purchased the building personally, it is not a designated Vecino project as of now. The purchase will be approved by the courts soon.
- Upcoming Downtown Events
 - Bags to Riches (3/19)
 - M*A*S*H (3/29-3/31)
 - State of the City Luncheon (4/4)
 - PAYP Amazing Race (4/13)
 - Earth Day (4/20)
 - ArtWalk (4/26)