

Downtown Advisory Board Notes

Monday, July 21 | 11:30 am – 1:00 pm City Hall Conference Room, 201 W 4th Street

Members Present: Darcie Shultz, Skip Urich, Blaise Main, Tree Mulkin

Members Absent: Stephanie Watts

Others Present: Chris Wilson, Sarah Runyon and Kim Froman

Call to Order: Tree Mulkin

• Welcome & Agenda Review

- Meeting Notes Action Needed
 - Move to Approve Darcie Shultz
 - Second Tree Mulkin
 - o All in favor/Opposed None Opposed

Old Business:

- o **Rival Time Products Demo Unit** Being Installed July 22: *Light pole at 3rd and Broadway. Jacob Reagan with the Traffic Division is coordinating with Bruce.*
 - Demo install July 21 AM
 - Check brightness and visibility
 - Skip asked about sound/music Sarah mentioned a method used in Rogers, AR with the sound mechanism in the ground
- 620 Day Recap: Discuss recommendations for improvement and general feedback on this year's event.
 - Blaise several people mentioned that they wanted "real" food, more dinner type food
 - Kim shared a Placer.ai visitor report
 - Avg. time spent 82 minutes
 - 1,300 visitors (only counts visitors w/ phone, location on)

- Heat map (where visitors came from) mostly Pittsburg area 60+% of visitors
- Reviewed pre and post event locations
- Beer/Alcohol need to advertise better
- Darcie did we get any feedback from vendors?
 - Sarah has a survey and will send out to vendors
- Shift the timeframe to 6-10pm
- Get tents with a wall
- No vendor tables
- Kim mentioned later evening events, e.g. concerts
- Tree suggested not setting up as many vendors under the pavilion
- Vendor fee yes, only if the vendor is selling
- Create set-up slots for designated arrival times
- Find a volunteer clean-up crew PHS Key Club or PSU Football
- Cooling station ideas misting arch, tents with AC, Chill Zone!
 - Sponsored by Mercy
- Do we need to add a concert?
 - Location Pine in front of police?
- Move car show? location TBD

New Business:

- o Downtown Connect August 7
 - Event Logistics / Agenda Review
 - Sarah is sending out postcards and emails to downtown businesses
 - "Minute" at the mic to share any information and updates
 - Tree to give DAB announcement
 - Explore Crawford County will share information
 - PSU Small Business Development Center
 - Marissa Poppy Gorilla Rising update
 - Pittsburg Chamber share resources, etc.
 - Sarah to give final update

Downtown Visitor Map & Website Landing Page

- Sarah shared Fayetteville downtown visitor's map
 - Sarah shared the early draft layout
 - Eve working on the directory
 - Downtown only include link or QR code to outside the overlay
 - Discussed configuring to a smaller, folded brochure
 - Four-sided information/event sign on rollers
 - Website template pages are built, needs content

• Open Discussion / Questions?

- Tree gave a brief tree update
- o Grant request (Jenna Spencer) = \$1,500
 - Sarah will email the application, costs, and photo for members to review and respond with approval/denial feedback
 - Mural in honor of Larry Fields
- Chris gave an update on the World Cup
 - Pittsburg, KS will be in the radius to be included on a restaurant list, etc. on the ticketing platform
 - Will send out a link to the information webinar
 - Regional meetings to take place TBD

Upcoming Events:

• AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

- Downtown Connect Thursday August 7 at 5-7pm at The Pitt
- o Paint the Town Red Block Party September 12
- Pittsburg ArtWalk September 20
- Hispanic Heritage Festival September 2025

OCTOBER

- o DAB Chamber Coffee October 23
- o Goblin Market October 25
- o Downtown Window Painting TBD

Meeting Adjournment: 1:00 pm

Next Meeting - Monday, August 18, 2025