



CSMC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 20th, 2021

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Becky Holt, Linda Magoon, Jeff Nick, Lorre Tucker, Erik Monsen, Jed Davis, Buddy Singh, Sarah Beal (via Zoom) and Mark Bouchette

Staff: Kara Alnasrawi - Executive Director, Julia Chalmers - Marketing Coordinator, Samantha McGinnis – Project and Event Manager

INTRODUCTIONS:

At 9:05am Jeff Nick called the meeting to order

- Approval of agenda:
 - Motion to approve: Linda, Second: Lorre. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 15th, 2021

- Jeff Nick moved to adopt the minutes of the August 18th, 2021 meeting.
 - Motion: Mark, Second: Becky. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

- No comments

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Buddy shares that the City is still working to finalize last FY budget. He notes we are working to handle arrearages of fees and have them properly booked
- This fiscal year's budget looks on target with no areas of concern

EXECUTIVE REPORT

- The 40th anniversary celebration was a success with many merchants noting increased revenue
- Review of Halloween (flash mob) and Holiday plans
- The Marketplace will be relying heavily on Xfinity as the holiday sponsor again this year. The team has had difficulty finding local sponsors given the economic impact of the pandemic
- The team has found a holiday tree and has received the replacement LED lights for the small trees
- Businesses are still reporting good sales numbers but the labor market is still the biggest struggle for businesses
- Safety and security issues/street level behavior have consumed a lot of staff time.

MAYOR MIRO WEINBERGER

- Mayor joins the commission meeting.
- Discussion around safety and security ensues
 - Mayor listens to observations, complaints and descriptions of the impact of “lawlessness” on the street
 - Mayor shares that he is aware of the increase in problematic behavior and the lack of police force
 - Mayor shares he is willing to have the City help fund private security on the street during the holidays

- Frustration is expressed over the lack of response to ordinance violations such as open containers, public urination, public drug use etc.
- Further discussion ensues about the role of State's Attorney George and the policy of not incarcerating repeat offenders
- Concern for BHS students and their safety is also discussed
- Mayor Weinberger agrees that Marketplace involvement in the Joint Public Safety meetings makes sense

BHS LOCATION DOWNTOWN

- Jeff Nick turns meeting over to Mark Bouchette (Vice Chair) and recuses himself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest
- Mayor is in support of locating the High School downtown permanently but acknowledges that speed is a top priority for the School Board and therefore downtown might now work
- Many in the benefit of having the high school downtown

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Safety discussion continues as Jeff expresses his concerns for the health of the downtown
- Jeff suggests the executive committee have a separate meeting and consider engage council members
- Jeff announces that Jed Davis has stepped down as a commission member and Cara Tobin of Honey Road restaurant has been appointed to his seat
- Motion to adjourn: Erik, Second: Mark. Unanimous approval.

ADJOURN