

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD

Work Session
October 11, 2023
8:30AM

Attendance:

- Jerry Michael, Jacob Kipping, Kt Stiles, Amy Catania, CJ Hagmann, Kathy Steinbrueck, Sue Smith Zukin and Mark Coleman
Also Attending: Cassandra Hopkins, Village Staff

1. Approval of September 13th meeting minutes by Jacob Kipping, seconded by Amy Catania.
2. Village Board Update
There was public comment at the Board meeting last night about a proposal for a music venue, which requested a change to the Village's Development Code. The Village Board did not vote to amend the Village's Development Code.
3. Broadway Bridge Update
Jerry Michael mentioned an email from the Mayor, who had stated the Village has permission to repaint the street-facing side of the bridge, but that the Village DPW may be busy with other projects. He added that the Mayor offered to put together some time with volunteers to get this done. Mark Coleman, Kathy Steinbrueck, and Jerry Michael are interested. Cassandra Hopkins will reach out.
4. DAB Events: Downtown Trick or Treating and Light Up Downtown
Cassandra Hopkins to print and share the pumpkin posters for Downtown businesses and organizations participating in trick or treating. Jacob Kipping asked about the street closure and notification to Downtown businesses. Cassandra Hopkins stated a press release will go out from the Village in coordination with the PD, along with notification on the Village's social media platforms. Jerry Michael stated that without Kelly Brunette here the Light Up Downtown conversation will wait.
5. Community Development Update
New Community Development Director, Katrina Glynn, will be starting in the Village office on November 20th. Cassandra Hopkins added that construction season is wrapping up for DRI public projects with Ward Plumadore close to completion. Jerry Michael asked about any headway on the Riverwalk Extension now that there are property easements. Cassandra Hopkins stated the contractors are working on updated pricing and will come back to the Village with a potential path forward.
6. Rail Trail Update?, WiFi Update?, DRI Update?
Jerry Michael stated that the DEC put out a call for submissions for potential proposals for the use of the Depot building as part of the ongoing Rail Trail project. He stated that this is something that was brought up before at DAB meetings and may DAB can put together a proposal before the deadline. Amy Catania mentioned a group that was forming to do this and will share the contact info. for one of the group's organizers. Jerry Michael stated he will reach out to the DEC point of contact as well.
Jerry Michael reported on the status of the WiFi in Village Parks and stated that this is included on a list that he and Cassandra Hopkins put together on ongoing items Downtown.

7. Walk of Fame

Not discussed without Ex-Officio member present.

8. Strategic Investment Plan

Jerry Michael stated edits, comments, suggestions can be made as 'homework' in between meetings by each DAB member. He stated they will talk about this more for the next meeting.

9. Other

Kt Stiles shared the recommissioned Dew Drop Inn historic sign's progress as a local sign builder works on bringing it back to life. She shared that they plan to place it in the original spot hanging on the building on the front façade and even received Development Board approvals to do so. She shared that they are working with their engineers on what can work with the owner's vision for reopening the Dew Drop Inn as a bar/restaurant. Jacob Kipping asked about the status of new banners and the banner policy.