



CITY OF BIDDEFORD

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes July 18, 2022 – Regular Meeting 6:00pm, City Council Chambers

PRESENT: Anne Nadzo, Patrick Mourmouras, Ari Brandstein

ABSENT: William Emhiser, Susan Swanton, Camille White, Renee Messier, Victoria Foley

CITY STAFF: Brad Favreau

GUEST: Delilah Poupore

1. Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm; while there was not a quorum since no votes were planned, the meeting proceeded

2. Heart of Biddeford presentation

At the request of the DDC, Heart of Biddeford (HOB) Executive Director, Delilah Poupore, presented on the formation and work of DDC. Mr. Mourmouras asked Ms. Poupore a follow-up question about how the DDC and HOB could better work together. Ms. Poupore agreed the DDC and HOB should work together. While HOB can focus on events and promoting downtown, DDC can focus on policies that would improve the downtown. The 2 groups should work closely together since there are specific policies that could be implemented that would significantly help promote downtown. For example, Ms. Poupore mentioned there is concern about gentrification in downtown Biddeford and DDC may want to consider discussing specific policies that would address the concerns.

3. Pearl Point Park

Mr. Favreau presented an update that he had verified with Richardson & Associates they had received public survey results and the results had been incorporated into latest version of the park plan.

4. New Business

There was general discussion by the members of the DDC that there needed to be a larger strategic discussion with all members of DDC about how best to move forward as an effective city commission.

5. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

