



CITY OF BIDDEFORD

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

JULY, 8 2019 5:30 PM

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM 2nd FLOOR

PRESENT: Edwards, Foley, Phillips, Schlaver

ABSENT: Brenner, Clearwater, Saliwanchik, Swanton

CITY STAFF: Favreau, Lamontagne

- I. Call to order, 5:33p
- II. Approval of minutes, tabled due to lack of quorum
- III. Reports
 - a. HOB - before end of fiscal year transfer funds for Design project from FY19 funding
 - b. Hot Spot Usage reports - to use for getting another sponsor; Foley will supply feedback from her employer as further
- IV. PolCo Results - Lamontagne
 - a. 107 total responses
 - b. Mostly from those who use downtown frequently and seem to have an overall positive assessment of downtown and it is on a positive trend
 - c. Favreau will integrate into downtown market report
 - d. Lamontagne will provide DDC with executive summary for our use
- V. Downtown Action Plan
 - a. Riverwalk - DDC keep track of development to provide updates via DDC agenda packet to public; potential role in research support and public input; potential update of website section for public knowledge
 - b. Parking - discussion of potential role of private financing in garage and future of surface lots. Action item: make sure to keep track of when proposal is formally presented to Council to keep public input possible
 - i. Reconfiguration of lots - Franklin Street two way development that will allow for permit only area and hourly area; public works are doing the construction
 - c. Gateways - Locations were previously identified; mark meaningful entry into downtown; Favreau will see if there is money allocated; targeted timeline: design FY20 and ask for funding/implementation FY21
 - i. Photograph gateway areas
 - ii. Potential relationship with HoB Design Committee for regular joint meeting on gateways

- iii. Work for August - Review previous work on gateways and plan working session to review aesthetics and practicality (August DDC regular meeting)
 - d. Walkability and Public Transportation - discussion of pedestrian cross and potential stop (not yield) at Alfred and Main; Stop sign questions for intersections; Speed limit discussion
 - i. Action item - research packet on best practices for pedestrian safety, biking safety etc. to present to Council
 - 1. Multi-modal transportation study about use, safety, etc. via Polco is a potential public input mechanism
 - e. Public Art / Public Spaces - Street performance ordinance research (Schlaver) including application for artist licensing through city; potential interactive art via Engine; growth in murals is positive
 - f. Beautification - Banners and marketing of logo (potential materials); planters looking good for summer
- VI. Additional business
 - a. Code violations - reporting up to date
 - b. Laconia benches - installation and ordering of tables is ongoing (Favreau and Schlaver)
 - c. Wifi expansion - follow up with Clearwater
 - d. Next meeting: August 5th - 5:30pm
- VII. Adjourned: 6:55p