



City of Biddeford
Downtown Development Commission

October 23, 2024 at 5:30 PM
City Hall Second Floor Conference Room & Zoom

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1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes
 - 2.a September 25, 2024 meeting minutes
3. Old Business
 - 3.a Update and Discussion - Public Art Inventory
Pat and Karin
 - 3.b Update and Discussion - Status of new Public art Commission
Brad
 - 3.c Update and Discussion - Upper Main Street
Jeff
4. New Business
 - 4.a Discussion - New possible projects
5. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes Wednesday September 25th, 2024

A meeting of the Downtown Development Commission was held in the Conferences office at City Hall.
Call to order at 5:30 pm on Wednesday September 25th, 2024.

Roll Call; Present: Bob Cyr, Neva Gross, and City Staff: Brad Favreau. Jeffrey Purser joined in later.
Excused Absence: Karin Gregory, and Patrick Mourmouras. Absent: Steve Beaudette

Motion by Neva, and seconded by Bob to accept the previous meeting minutes.

Old Business:

Public Art Placards: No update given in Karin and Patrick's absence.

Farmers Market: No new information shared.

Upper Downtown Open House: Jeff updated and reported that he met with Delilah from HOB the idea to help promote the businesses in the upper downtown area on Main Street from Jefferson to Elm Streets with an open block event. His meeting was an educational awareness to the many challenges and concerns from many levels when closing off streets, from public safety to the area businesses. There is much to analyze at this time. No action taken. Jeff will explore further opportunities and report back in the future.

New Business:

Comprehensive Plan: Brad shared a pass out of part 6 of the City's comprehensive plan on the Economy with recent statistics. With the question; what comes next? New projects which can support our number one goal; to promote an economic climate that increases job opportunities, and overall economic well-being within the state of Biddeford, recognizing Biddeford's role in the region as a Service Center community. Brainstorming a suggestion from the group was creating a multifaceted welcoming center that can be a wayfaring destination site. A facility that could be utilized by multiple organizations as a Farmers market, a performing Music and Arts Venue, with a Museum displaying historical timeline of the twin cities of its former heritage and cultures. A place to build community while honoring our past and inspiring the future, to recognize our beautiful natural resources, and promoting our local businesses and schools. The area of Pearl Point was discussed as the proposed plans to have a walking bridge connecting the Saco Island transportation site with the in continuation of Riverwalk , with parking provide on both sides present opportunities to support the Climate initiatives for transit connections for walking and biking. No action was taken. Future discussions to be planned amongst the commission to decide which initiatives and new projects could support the number one goal.

Motion to adjourn made by Neva, and seconded by Bob to adjourn. All in favor.

Next meeting will be October 23rd, 2024

