



Commissioners Present: Brenner, Clearwater, Edwards, Phillips (no vote),
Swanton [NO QUORUM]

Commissioners Absent: Foley, Schlaver

City Representative: Favreau

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I • Roll Call/Welcome new Commissioner: Jon Phillips (Time & Tide)

II • Vote to approve May 2018 Minutes - TABLED

III • Reports

• Empty Slots on DDC

Welcome Phillips, to be sworn in 2/5/19
Brittany Saliwanchik (Magnus on Water) pending
Maria from Woodgrain, potential (Clearwater will follow up)

IV • Old Business and City Business

• Budget

Favreau will ensure encumbered balance (FY17, \$3172) are used for original purpose of benches and tables in Laconia Plaza, fitting with environment/color scheme
Remaining FY19 balance: \$2269.01
Plaque for Bill Durkin, reaffirmed
Potential Social Media Training for downtown businesses (Phillips will follow up); Potential citizen outreach for relevant campaigns, particularly Small Biz Revolution (Clearwater and Brenner will follow up with Delilah and local businesses)
FY20 – ask for level funding

• Nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

Tabled due to lack of quorum

• Plastic Bag Ban

Clearwater update: one of the highest cost and most common items contaminating recycling, causing cost for city.
Potentially fold in other environmental measures like city compost
DDC potential memo re: environmental issues to support downtown clean-up under purview of charter
Fun Run for clean up (Trash Dash) / Earth Day – Clearwater potential idea



V • New Business

• Workshop with Council

Foley follow up, remains pending

• Downtown Wifi

Potential group bargaining for downtown businesses to reduce Wifi costs (especially for small users, only for POS) – Edwards and Swanton will follow up with Mark Ouellete (Axiom) and Great Works

Potential DDC research about how similar communities have approached this issue (incentivizing new businesses vs. long-term bargaining; municipal vs. chamber of commerce, etc.)

• Role of DDC Discussion

Table DDC 2019 Goals and Calendar for Quorum and to hear from Council

• Re-zoning MSRD-1

Proposal for public hearing 2/6/19, to allow residential on first floor of downtown DDC commissioners present in agreement with recommendation to deny request and undertake a true study of the best practices of mixed use (percentages of use reflected broadly by: residential, offices, retail/restaurants).

Allowing full re-zone at this stage could impact development toward a thriving downtown in unknown ways.

Next Meeting: March 4, 5:30pm (Edwards will be absent)

VII • Meeting Adjourned (6:39p)