

Downtown Revitalization Committee

Minutes

Thursday, January 2, 2020

5pm. Owen City Hall

The Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) met on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 5:00 pm. at City Hall. Present were committee members: Ken Martine, Tony Wallace, Travis Rogers and Nicole Rogers. Absent were Cindy Knight, Allison Milbert and Jeff Conger.

Others present: Tim Swiggum.

Called to order at 5:02 pm. by Martine.

Minutes:

T. Rogers/Wallace motion and second to approve the December 2, 2019 minutes passed unanimously.

Financial Report

No financial report was available.

Electric Train: Fundraising, Use agreement, User Fees and Schedule

Discussion was held regarding the need to raise \$11,000 yet for the cost of the train. A fundraiser letter will be sent to several businesses and organizations. Some suggestions were; Trophy Trailers, Banks, CN, Kerry and Wakefield. Tim will attend the O-W School Board meeting to ask for help. Discussion was held regarding possible advertising panels on the side of the train for \$200. Any \$2,000 donors would get use of the train indefinitely. Daily Rent would be \$100 for the first 2 hours and \$50 an hour after that. Discussion was held regarding the potential of purchasing a custom trailer to haul the train to other locations. It could be used for Saturdays at the Farmer's Market. It was also discussed whether to appoint a subcommittee for the train. It was recommended to not use until Spring. A T. Rogers/Wallace motion and second to draw up a user agreement for approval and to have a plan for use and scheduling for the train passed unanimously.

CN/AIB Grant 2020:

The CN EcoConnexions/AIB grant application was denied this time. We were so recently awarded one and they must have had other applicants that had not received a grant previously.

Growin' Owen:

It was discussed that next year it would be good to plan ahead for some extensive decorating downtown and still would like to get a community Christmas Tree planted on the north end of Central Ave.

Car Show/Jazz Festival:

No new discussion at this time.

Set Committee meetings:

Growin' Owen

Car Show:

Autumnfest:

Next meeting will be held on **February 6, 2020 at 5pm. at City Hall.**

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martine at 6:10 pm.

Submitted by Tim Swiggum