

DAB June 10, 2020 MINUTES

March 13, 2020 6:00 to 6:55 pm

Attending: Mike Durden, Allie Daniels, Mike Bennett, Shannon Vassen, Shanachie Carroll, Ken Kreie, Veronica Harvey, and Jeannine Purser

Public comments: None

Minutes from May 13th were approved

*** Mike Bennett gave an update on City matters** – The City has been able to weather the financial COVID-19 storm well due to good budgeting and planning prior to the virus even occurring. Sales tax for March and April were good. Local businesses are still struggling as they work hard to get back to normal. It is important that we all support our local businesses as much as possible during this trying time. The County has applied to move into Phase 3, they should know by mid-July if that request has been approved. If approved, we may be able to do Thursday night concerts as well as possibly squeeze in a 4th Friday. However, as of right now, we are not planning on any 4th Friday events.

*** Where Do We Go From Here Discussion:** With the DAB not being able to pursue the events that we had previously scheduled, Jeannine brought up the idea of focusing on the alley. Instead of starting with the dumpsters we decided to start with just beautifying the alley by figuring out how to get lights up and encouraging businesses to get murals on the backs of their buildings. Mike D. was going to talk with Dan Caris about specifications for the height of poles to hang lights from and so on and so forth. He is also going to ask Dan to ask Ken Haley about industrial solar “patio” lights to hang. In the meantime, Jeannine will also do some research on the lights.

***Bylaws:** According to the bylaws it is stated that the Chair person should open up the position to other members within a year to 18 months. Mike D. brought it up to see if anyone else was interested in the Chair position. If not, he is happy to keep doing it as well. If you are interested, please let Mike know prior to our next meeting July 8th.

***Library Update:** Shanachie gave a library update. The library has officially re-opened. The opening has been smooth and they have been seeing about 100 people per day. The Summer Reading has been a bit slow due to it all being online. The DAB board agreed to share all the library info via social media as much as we each individually can. The library expects to be back to full hours by mid-July.

Brainstorming/Discussion: Allie let us know that as of the date of our meeting Fall Fest was still a go. It will not be three days; it will either be one or two. The Chamber had a carnival all set up, but with COVID carnivals are not currently running. The Festival will just be between Elm Street and Peach St. this year.

There are buckets around town to collect money for a bench to be made as a dedication to Bill Holstein.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Jeannine Purser