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Minutes

Board of Directors - Grand Haven Main Street

April 12, 2018

Council Chamber at City Hall

Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Sharon Behm, Mary Janusz, Bob Warren, Todd Anthes, Nicki Schroeder, John Steinbach, Geri McCaleb, Kristin Hibbard, Steve Loftis, Carolyn Taylor
Absent: Dave Garland, CarrieAnne Engels, Cyndi Casemier
Also Present: Andy Cawthon, Pat McGinnis, Vicki Ellis

Call to Audience/Public Comments

Andy Cawthon reported that ArtWalk Planning started yesterday, with continued working on a shortened calendar. Taste of Main organization continues to come together.

Approval of Minutes and Accept the Financial Report

Motion by Steve Loftis second by Bob Warren, to accept the minutes of the meeting held on March 8, 2018 and the financial statements from March, 2018. Motion carries.

Historic Preservation: Resolution of Support for Reinstatement of State Historic Tax Credits

Motion by Kristin Hibbard, second by Steve Loftis to approve a resolution supporting HB469 and SB 5178 regarding the restoration of up to a 25% state tax credit for owners of commercial and residential properties who rehabilitate those properties, with the provisions that Main Street does not support items #5 & #6 and there be no expense to the Main Street nor the City of Grand Haven.

ArtWalk Update

Steve gave a report on ArtWalk discussion. Committee is organized, fundraising is front and center concern. Event is consolidating and this year will pay attention to past events and accomplishments that have grown out of the event.

Update on Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium

- Geri McCaleb reported that approximately half of the concrete seat walls are poured at the new stadium (north side).
- Site improvements are 40% done.
- The building is scheduled to receive final inspections the week of the 23rd; the City may be able to take possession of the building by the first of May.
- The Band Shell will be the final thing on the interior of the site.
- Parking lot reconstruction is the final element of the whole project.
- The concrete flatwork adjacent to the seawall is complete. Geri shared a photo of the concrete pumping operation.
- Tentative Grand Opening of June 21

Update on Parking

- Pat reported that construction of the parking lot at Mulligan's Hollow is underway, and that project will add over 100 new parking spaces.
- The Stanco project proposed significant new space but did not propose parking sufficient to meet the new demand. City staff will work with developers to find creative ways to meet demands and even improve the numbers.

Chairman's Report

- a. Taste of Main Street – Sponsorships**
Now is the time to follow up with sponsors.
- b. 100 Friends of Main Street**
Sharon distributed new brochures for the 100 Friends at \$100 campaign.
- c. Save these Dates:** May 7 (Historic Preservation Resolution presented to City Council), June 4 (City Council – Presenting banners to student artists), June 19 (volunteer appreciation dinner).

Director's Report

- a. 2018 Main Street Banners**
We are at 45 banners right now. Hoping to get closer to the level sold in previous years (65).
- b. Development in the District**
Considerable discussion about a number of possible projects, but nothing certain to report.

Additional Topics

- Discussion about the space next to Jumpin' Java – the agreement was approved by City Council and is subject to disposition of future owner if the property sells. The City is only involved to the extent that the current owner did not wish to engage in an agreement with the private owner in the past, so the City acts as an intermediary.
- Steve reported that he has discussed downtown Spring Lake with a member of their DDA Board and Kim VanKampen about the significant investment proposed in downtown Spring Lake. He is interested in sharing our experience with the Spring Lake DDA if requested.
- Todd inquired about the closing of the Sims Plant proposed by the BLP and its impact on the downtown. Geri explained that the decision to close the Sims Plant in 2020 is not written in stone; there remain many questions about the impact of the proposed accelerated schedule.
- John asked about the pier project. Geri explained that the pier will likely not be done until October of 2018 and the catwalk will not be put back up until 2019.
- Sharon reported that the snow melt system is completely off-line and that the auxiliary boilers are unexpectedly off line.
- Pat presented an image of a Welcome to Grand Haven sign that was once erected at one end of town (not sure which end). Sharon asked that the image be shared with Diane and the Main Street Board may take an interest in a future project to re-create this art deco welcome sign.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Patrick McGinnis and submitted by Todd Anthes