

CUMBERLAND

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

A Main Street Maryland Community

MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 2020 9:00 AM Via Zoom

Roll Call

In Attendance: Sandi Saville, Doug Schwab, Larry Jackson, Ed Huber, Laurie Marchini, Dave Romero, Melinda Kelleher, Matt Miller, John Buchanan, Bob Mayhew. Everyone introduced themselves and Sandi welcomed new members Bob Mayhew and John Buchanan.

Minutes

September meeting minutes accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Ed Huber

- Ken Tressler is making revisions to the DDC budget as we will have to pay out six months of Danny's Glantzer's pay for the accrual of vacation, sick time, etc. since we retired. Revisions should result in zero balance at end of fiscal year (end of June 2021).

Report from Executive Director – Melinda Kelleher

See attached report.

Doug Schwab asked if there might be a location for the New Year's Eve Ball Drop where people can drive their cars up and stay in cars, but see the ball drop – perhaps Constitution Park. Melinda will discuss with Parks and Rec.

Melinda asked for feedback on having bicycles on the downtown mall. She is getting signage redone and would like to update them. Sandi reminded the group that a year ago the Mayor and City Council said no people riding bikes on the mall. Doug suggested that we could have a bike lane on brown bricks and pedestrians on red bricks, except between Centre and Liberty Streets. Laurie asked the advantages of the bike lane. Doug thought fazing them in might be easier for when the new street opens and there is a bike lane. Melinda will take all of this into consideration.

Sandi asked if new members John and Bob had seen the plans. Matt reminded everyone that the plans are online on the www.choosecumberland.org website under the Press Releases tab. John and Bob will also go by Matt's office today and pick up hard copies.

Old Business – Matt Miller, Executive Director of the CEDC

Matt gave a Baltimore Street Project update. The Sustainable Communities Workgroup has been gathering information on applications and projects and prioritizing projects. We are asking for \$150K for fiber Connection for Baltimore Street and \$425K through a Strategic Demolition Grant for water lines and taps. Matt is also working on another grant to assist building owners with the water taps. Also the Adaptive Use grant to help as well. There are 32 buildings owned by 26 different people on Baltimore Street that don't have fire suppression systems in them.

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Old Business – Matt Miller, Executive Director of the CEDC continued

CEDC just finished a housing study that addresses the lack of housing downtown. The workgroup will continue to meet weekly.

Bobby Smith, City Engineer, along with his team, are reviewing the 90% plans that have been sent back from SHA. No huge red flags. Will probably take 5-6 weeks, then back to SHA for another approval. 100% bids will go out to bid probably early summer, 2021.

John Buchanan expressed some concerns over the Mechanic Street Parklet and the CBIZ building – the employees' safety where the Portland Loo will be placed. Dave and Bob explained how nice the area will be and not be the right spot for loitering most likely. Matt said the new design is addressing these concerns. Dave mentioned that the street traffic will disincentivize loiters in the area.

There being no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56AM.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD
November 12, 2020 at 10AM via Zoom