

Minutes January 19, 2023

Downtown Business Improvement District Board Minutes

Noon, Thursday January 19, 2023

Location: Nebraska Quilt Company

330 N. Main Street, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

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Present were Vince O'Connor, Tom Coday, Sam Heineman, Brenden Murray, Richard Register, Keven Main, JJ Bixby

Absent: Berta Quintero, Daniel Cech, Roxie Kracl and Howard Krasne

Guests: Jody Sanders, Mayor Spellerberg

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair Coday at 12:05. Roll Call was taken, those present are identified above, a quorum was determined present. The Chair announced that a copy of the Open Public Meeting Act was available in the room for inspection.
2. Motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022 meeting by O'Connor, seconded by Bixby, motion passed 8/0.
3. Motion to approve the officers for 2023, to be Coday Chair, Bixby Vice Chair, Register Secretary, was made by Heineman, seconded by Main. Motion passed 8/0.
4. Discussion was had with respect to the progress and accommodations made following a request on the installation of the speaker system. No action taken by the Board.
5. Discussion about future projects was lead by Heineman to update members who were not present at the last meeting. More input was received and time table to present to City Council was discussed.
6. Item 6, on the published agenda was brought to the floor. Heineman related that the idea of taking a ranked polling of Members of preference of future projects that was discussed at the last meeting, may need board approval. Motion was made to direct Register and Heineman, prior to the next board meeting create a ranked pole of members of preference for discussion at the next board meeting of future projects and costs to present to the City Council in the future. The poll would be informational only, not binding on the Board and full results presented to the Board to aid in planning. The motion was moved by Heineman and seconded by O'Connor. The motion passed 8/0.
7. Committee reports:

- a. Financial Report was attached to the packet of information available at the meeting. No action taken.
 - b. Projects Committee Report. The results of last year's BID Sponsorship Program award of grants to District events was reviewed. Discussion was had to try and formulate a plan for awards this year, including the possible elimination of application process for prior recipients, the issue of measuring success or impact, the concentration of funds to smaller number of recipients, the issue whether recipients could be profit organizations and whether to set some funds aside for late requests from new events. No action was taken.
 - c. Equalization Committee Report. NONE
 - d. Multi-Cultural Committee Report. NONE
 - e. Marketing Committee Report. NONE
 - f. Maintenance Committee Report. NONE
 - g. Future Project Committee Report. As addressed in Paragraph 6, information was again presented on developing a plan for presentation of future plans to the City Counsel and business and property owners in the District. Funding options, including coordination with other organizations, including the City and Dodge County Visitor Bureau, nonprofits was discussed.
 - h. Design Committee Report. NONE
 - i. MainStreet Report. NONE
8. Comments from the Public – NONE
 9. Next meeting set for February 21, 2023 at the same time and location, notice to be published.
 10. Motion to adjourn was made by Bixby and seconded by O'Connor. The motion passed 8/0.