



DOWNTOWN BATAVIA
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Board of Directors Board Meeting

July 28, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM Meeting App

Present: Jeff Gillard, Marty MacDonald, Derek Geib, Marc Johnson, Pete Casey, Rick Mancuso, Rachel Tabelski, Andrew Maguire, Wesley Bedford, Tom Turnbull, Don Brown, Leanna DiRisio

Excused: Beth Kemp

Absent: Patti Pacino, Gil Mulcahy, Ted Fortuna

Call to Order: (8:33 a.m.)

I. Approval of Minutes:

June 2020 Board Meeting Minutes: M. MacDonald made a motion to approve, seconded by W. Bedford, and approved by all.

II. Chamber Update:

T. Turnbull:

Not too busy, but a lot of businesses are inquiring about loans

PPE opportunities ahead

Zoom workshops- speed and networking went well virtually

Working with County Mental Health on a grant to get a webinar/ workshop going “Coping with pandemic” in the next two weeks.

Tourism on hold financially. Bed tax revenue slow

Promoting “Staycations” within NYS with little to no budget.

Darien Lake is only for campground use and does not foresee opening the amusement park for 2020.

III. City Update:

R. Tabelski:

Sales tax for co/ city will hurt, but weren't as bad as forecasted with furloughs, layoffs, shutting down programs like Summer Parks Program, not replacing equipment/ cars. pavilions closed, which ultimately cuts any overtime pay as well. Leaving us in 1.8 Million short fall so far.

VLT aid with 20% reduction rate

Stim 4 extension on unemployment PPE directly funds local gov't.

City is working on a massive software update- they will start implementing soon and it will stream line for users and help reduce paper.

IV. BDC Update: A. Maguire:

DRI – Ellicott Place was approved for incentives through GCEDC and through the planning approvals needed, which usually is an indication of being ready to go to construction, which they hope will begin by the end of August.

YMCA/UMMC continues to progress on its design stages, looking into new market tax credits, and hopeful to have some demolition going by the fall.

Theater 56 is almost complete with its demolition phase, the project manager has a good handle on what is needed to make this a successful project

Ellicott station continues to work on the project behind the scenes. They have secured/pulled their building permits from the city so they do not need to go back to planning for re-approvals. We patiently wait the official announcement from HCR, the grant funding agency and we remain extremely hopeful.

BIF – 99 Main Street has selected their contractor to perform roughly \$700k of renovation and construction costs. The project owner is working to solidfy financing and we hope to this project under construction in the next couple of weeks.

242 Ellicott’s contractor has applied for the building permits needed to begin construction, he is working with City code/zoning to secure the permits and begin construction very soon

109-111 Main Street has indicated they want to proceed with the project as planned despite the financial impact COVID-19 has had on the business, which is great news. This will be the renovation of 3 upper floor apartments above Eli Fish

206 E Main st also continues to make progress on finalization of then plans and designs, should be going out Bid in the next month or two.

NYMS- these projects, which I had detailed last time we talked, are in the environmental screening phase of the process. Next will be SHPO reviews on the projects and their scopes and working toward finalizing designs. Once finalized, they will be going out to bid and we hope by next spring they can be ready for construction.

- V. Treasurer’s Report:** W. Bedford reported on the financials for June 2020: Operating Account: \$41,376.29, Events Acct: \$71,517.55, Capital Acct: \$249,910.32, Capital Acct: \$195,096.75 amount may be off with city doing updates to server. Rachel was gonna have Lisa look into this. M. MacDonald made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for June 2020, seconded by J. Gillard and approved by all.

VI. Committee Reports

a) Promotions Committee: L. DiRisio reported the committee has been working on supporting businesses with Tasty Tuesday campaign, Shop Small Saturdays and social media coverage.

b) Wine Walk Committee: L. DiRisio reported only one meeting so far discussing theme options, ticket sales, etc, but was waiting to see if Board wanted to move forward with event.

VII. Director Updates

B. Kemp provided report to Don:

- ESD says our grant reimbursement for Public Market feasibility payment request was finalized Tuesday July 21 so we should see that process soon into capital Acct .
- Working with Marty and Rick on EV Car charging stations
- Assisting 2 downtown businesses to hold outdoor events for fitness (Blue Pearl Yoga and Zumba by Heather
- Working on Downtown Batavia BINGO boards to present to board as event per promotions committee
- Tasty Tuesday's has been going... only about 7 restaurants participating (Eli, Eden and Eat Well would but have been closed because of water damage)
- updating website
- working with Felipe(County planning) and Andrew (BDC) on different opportunities for parklets on side streets
- Researching Downtown Speaker Systems and securing quotes for next months meeting
- Bernard from Spectrum reached back out to ask about possibility of using a few city poles if nearby buildings to the ones we couldn't contact are not available. He is waiting on an answer... Beth emailed Rachael and Matt Worth

- Shop Small Saturday's begins August 1st and will run through the fall for our downtown retail, services, salons and entertainment

VIII. Wine Walk Discussion

Board discussed whether it was safe to continue to plan for Wine Walk this year due to COVID19. P.Casey made a motion to cancel 2020 Wine Walk, Seconded by W. Bedford and approved by all.

IX. Other: None

X. Adjournment

M. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03AM, seconded by R. Mancuso and approved by all.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leanna DiRisio