

Downtown Development Authority

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 2, 2012
Noon, Council Chambers



1. Call to Order by Sass at Noon

2. Roll Call

Present: Braun, Burr, Marple, Olson, Zuckerman, Sass
Absent: Haglund, Marcoux, Whiteford

3. Approval of Agenda

Davidson explained that regarding Item #6, after discussion with Linda Anderson, Planning and Zoning Director, it was noted that the proposed furniture on Eagle Street is on private property. In the past, the Downtown Development Authority has only reviewed furniture on public property. Davidson asked that the Eagle Street discussion be removed from the agenda and review of furniture for the proposed Su Casa deck be added. Davidson noted that the applicant from Su Casa restaurant is present.

Motion by Marple, second by Olson to approve the Agenda with the deletion of Item #6. Approval of outdoor seating at 402 Eagle Street since it is on private property and add Item #6. Approval of the outdoor seating at 206 Center Street, Su Casa.

All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2012

Motion by Olson, second by Burr to approve the April 11, 2012 regular Meeting Minutes as written.

All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Interested Citizens in the Audience Will be Heard on Items Not on the Agenda

None at this time.

6. DDA will be asked to consider approval of furniture for outdoor seating at 206 Center Street

Davidson introduced the item and requested more information from the applicant.

Edgar Suarez 206 Center Street. Saurez presented photos of the proposed furniture.

Burr asked where the furniture is located, in the front or the back. Suarez said it will be on the west side.

Burr asked if he will be serving alcohol. Suarez stated that his understanding is that at this time it is not permitted by the City but he hopes later he may be able to present his case and get approval.

Burr asked where the garbage can and grease container will be relocated. Suarez said the items will go in other places. The grease container will hopefully move to a different location by the garbage cans as indicated on the proposed plan.

Marple said he is a little confused because he thought the open area where the garbage cans are now were part of the condominium of which Suarez is a part. Suarez said no, he had to get permission from the City to add on the current little deck to the back of his building.

Suarez asked if there is some criteria for which the Downtown Development Authority determines whether or not to approve proposed furniture. It was noted that the Downtown Development Authority does not have any stated criteria.

Motion by Braun, second by Olson to approve the furniture as presented.

All in favor. Motion carried.

7. DDA will be asked to consider a Resolution from the Harbor Commission requesting financial assistance to the River Maintenance Fund

Davidson gave the background of this request. At the last Harbor Commission meeting the board passed a resolution asking for \$10,000 to be used for dredging. Davidson noted that wording in the Resolution includes "a continuing annual commitment."

Marple said his motion would be to approve a contribution to the River Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$10,000 in Fiscal Year 2012-2013 only. Second by Burr.

The board discussed whether the budget has the money for this; Davidson said yes, the Finance Director reported at last month's meeting that this expense is in the budget. Marple believes it would be imprudent to make a commitment for the future. After discussion, the vote was called.

All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Other Business

Sass noted this is his last meeting but he wonders if there is any concern about the overage in the drain system. Burr said the City is funding the project and the money may flow back to us from the Drain Commission.

Davidson checked with the Finance Director regarding all the usual annual expenses, which she learned are all in the budget.

Davidson said the board might want to start thinking about what direction to go in the future; maybe have a workshop in the Fall. Sass stated that he went over the Development Plan and the Downtown Development Authority pretty much funded all of the projects in the Plan; which is phenomenal. Sass noted there should be some revising of the Development Plan and coming up with some more proposals. Sass has been impressed with the way City Staff has worked to get these grants; without those the Downtown Development Authority probably wouldn't have been able to fund the projects.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Olson, second by Burr to adjourn at 12:23 p.m.

All in favor. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Marsha Ransom
Recording Secretary