

DOWNTOWN MANCHESTER MOVEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE (DMMSC) MINUTES

Date and Time: 9:00 AM January 03, 2020

Location: The Church @ 117

Call to order

The regular meeting of the Downtown Manchester Movement Steering Committee (DMMSC) was called to order by Chairman Steve West at 9:05 AM with the following members in attendance: Steve West, Beverly Vetter, Ray Amos, Tiffany Clutter and Tiffany Hoyne. Absent were Allison Dotson, Bridget Anderson, Ellen Fletcher, Mark Messick, Richard Banaski, Becca Jones, and Katy Riddle

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (08 November 2019) were approved.

The following items were discussed:

Old Business

Courthouse exterior painting: Coffee County Mayor, Gary Cordell has asked if DMMSC and/or The Coffee County Historical Society will help with writing a grant to defray some of the costs of painting the Courthouse exterior trim. It was decided that the exterior trim should be painted as per the contract with Volunteer Paint. Ray Amos will ask Mayor Cordell if DMMSC writing a grant for additional repair and sealing would be the best way forward. Steve will contact former DMMSC secretary, Pat Berges to see if she will spearhead the grant-writing process. Additionally, Ray will talk to both Mayor Cordell and Manchester Mayor Lonnie Norman about a city/county partnership especially as it concerns the matching funds needed for the grant. (The grant from the State is a 60/40 match.) It was also suggested that the Historical Society have an event inviting the County Commissioners to the Courthouse to see what has been done and what can be done to repair and restore the building, emphasizing preparations for a celebration of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the opening of the Courthouse in December 2021. Beverly volunteered to enlist the help of the Historical society Board in this effort.

Community calendars: In December, Beverly Vetter attended a meeting with city IT Manager, Tennie Smotherman and Manchester Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Katy Riddle among others and learned that all downtown businesses can post events on the city's calendar, excluding advertising for sales, etc. at individual businesses. There will also be a link on the city calendar to the Manchester Chamber of Commerce Calendar. Katy Riddle emphasized that all businesses, not just Chamber members, may post events on the Chamber's calendar. Send events for the city calendar to Tennie Smotherman at

tsmotherman@cityofmanchestertn.com. Call 931-728-7635 to add events to the Chamber calendar.

Downtown Parking: Beverly reported on a note received from Renee Holt of the Mercantile stating that she is working to get the owner of her building to make needed repairs which will improve the look of the building's exterior. Steve West has not yet spoken to Henley Propane about blocking the North Spring ST alley or the parking of long truck/trailers on Fort ST which block many parking places there. He will watch how often these things are happening and contact Mr. Henley as needed.

Trash Pick-up and Cardboard Recycling: Tiffany Hoyne mentioned that it is difficult for businesses to dispose of cardboard and other trash in a timely manner. The downtown cardboard recycling container is often full. Tiffany Clutter stated that the city has contracted with Republic Services for trash collection; she is unsure of who has contracted for recycling in the city. Ray agreed to ask Alderman Mark Messick if trash pick-up and recycling can be done more often for downtown businesses.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 on a motion by Ray Amos.