

DOWNTOWN MANCHESTER MOVEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date and Time: 8.30am August 3, 2018

Location: The Church @117

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Steering Committee was called to order by Chairman Steve West with the following members and guests in attendance: Allison Dotson (Vice Chairman), John Mancini, Kevin Jones, Ellen Fletcher, Bridget Anderson, Brittany Fiske, and Ray Amos. Absent were Ryan French, Cheryl Swan, Roger Guess, and Evans Baird.

Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Resignation of Secretary Pat Berges

News of Pat's resignation was reluctantly shared by Chairman West, who noted that she will be sorely missed and difficult to replace. That said, he reported that when asked for a recommendation for her replacement, Pat suggested well known downtown advocate Beverly Vetter. After discussion, Beverly was approved by the committee as the new Secretary effective September 1st, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Grant Application 75/25 Up to \$100,000. Chairman West suggested working with Roger Guess and Terri Hudson to study the viability of the grant and work on details of pursuing the project.

Courthouse Repairs. Chairman West reported that repairs are slowly moving forward but will stay in touch with Robert Gilliam in order to report any progress being made.

Downtown Events and Music. Vice-Chairman Dotson reported that the Tourism and Community Development board are working on a major music event for downtown or the park amphitheater. More to come.

Bronze Plaque Funding. Limited discussion here, but Chairman West stated that he wants to keep this project moving forward and suggested seeking alternative sources of funding.

NEW BUSINESS

New goals. Kevin Jones said he is willing to take the lead on researching ambient music sources for the playing of music around the downtown square. He also suggested looking into lighting for enhancing the night time downtown atmosphere.

NEXT MEETING 8.30AM FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2018