

Downtown Manchester Movement Steering Committee Minutes

Date: Friday, September 07, 2018

Location: The Church @ 117

Call to Order

Chairman Steve West called the meeting to order at 8:35. Those in attendance were Chairman West, Vice-Chairman Allison Dotson, Secretary Beverly Vetter, Ray Amos, Bridget Anderson, Evans Baird, Ellen Fletcher, Roger Guess, Kevin Jones, and Casey Watts. Absent were Ryan French, John Mancini and Cheryl Swan (See below).

Minutes

The minutes of the August 03, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business

1. Courthouse Repairs: Mayor Gary Cordell will address Courthouse maintenance and repairs at the upcoming meeting of the Coffee County Historical Society on Saturday, September 08. Chairman West plans to attend and will ask the Mayor about repainting the cupola as well as other maintenance issues.
2. Main Street Grant Application: Chairman West will discuss this process with Roger Guess, Beverly Vetter and former secretary Pat Berges.
3. Historic Downtown Bronze Plaques: Chairman West will confer with Winchester's city manager about their plaques and report to the committee.

New Business

1. a. *Ambient music and lights on the square*: Kevin Jones is investigating how to wire lights on the roofs of buildings on the square so that each part of the square can be illuminated. Both Lebanon and Portland, Tennessee have roof lights surrounding their squares, and these cities may be able to help Manchester with the planning of this project.
b. *Downtown events and music*: The planned concert has been delayed until Spring 2019 due to scheduling conflicts with other county and area events. Approval has been granted for a canopy to be erected in the open lot between Bush's Insurance and Banks' Photography.
Other Upcoming events:
Coffee County Fair September 15 – 22 at the fairgrounds
Art Walk: September 28 on the square
River Romp: October 13 on the greenway
One Day of Hope: October 13 at the fairgrounds
c. *Committee News*:
 1. Allison and Ellen reported that Panbalou funds enable the purchase of 15 hanging baskets which will be hung on the corner street signs on the square. Plans are to recruit sponsors for the baskets to provide soil and plants. The Manchester Recreation Department will maintain the baskets and plants.

2. Several members reported that signage requesting dog owners to pick up after their pets is needed in the downtown area. Evans suggested coordinating with the Recreation Department which is considering getting similar signs for the greenway. Ellen will look into getting bags etc. to help alleviate this problem.

3. The member of the Committee who will replace Cheryl Swan in representing the Board of Mayor and Aldermen will be named at a future meeting of that Board.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 AM.

The next meeting is Friday, October 5, 2018 at 8:30 at The Church @ 117.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Vetter