

CORNELIA



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DDA/Main Street Board Meeting

AGENDA

Thursday, June 8, 2017 8:30AM
Cornelia Depot

1. Meeting called to order- 8:34 AM- Brian Horton
2. Adopt Agenda- Motion made by Don Higgins, seconded by Brentt Cody
3. Financials- None- Treasurer out of town
4. Old Business
 - A) Work Plan 2017- Update- Goals are on track. Project Management company was present to give a bank building report and discuss timeline. Downtown Cornelia opened four new businesses in May creating 53 new jobs.
 - B) Guest- 4PM discussion about upcoming project and its process- Kirby Glaze and Tom Draffin talked about their experience in doing these kinds of projects. They went over different ways to get financing for the projects, talked about who needs to be involved, talked about getting a timeline and budget together, and discussed the possibility of future projects.
 - C) BRAF Update- tabled until next meeting
 - D) Update- Melany and Heath to tell us how their MS 101 training went- tabled until next meeting
5. New Business
 - A) City Manager Update- City Manager was not present at this meeting as he had a scheduling conflict
 - B) Southern Cherokee Nation to rent vault? Need to discuss- Discussion about them using the vault was a conflict with the project going on in the bank building. We can't allow them to be in there while we have architects and historic preservationists doing walk-throughs of the building. Also, we don't have the combination to any of the vaults in the building, so they wouldn't be able to be operational anyway. Motion was made to NOT allow them to rent the vault by Brian Horton and was seconded by Matt Cathey. All were in favor. None opposed.
 - C) Guests- Lindsey Holt and Chip Woodall- two new businesses in Downtown. Lindsey came and spoke about her business. She said Cornelia is keeping up the same numbers as Helen. She said things are going really well. She said the process to get in was REALLY EASY in comparison to their location in Helen. She said Dee Anderson has been pleasant to deal with. She said Janie Henderson was lovely to work with, the DDA has been helpful, Billy Joe Jenkins has been a delight and easy to work with, and Robert Gutowski has been very nice to her, but has also given the contractor issues. She said she had to submit plans four different times, instead of just being able to walk into the office and making the change on the current plans, or adding a note to the file, which cost her thousands of dollars. She said she had never had to do that before so it was different and an unexpected cost. She said

- that he also made her change outlets that had been in the previous restaurant, but Don Higgins informed the board that the code for that had recently been updated. She suggested putting time limits on parking spaces on Hodges Street. Employees of other businesses and residents of downtown apartments tend to park their cars in front of the restaurant and leave them there all day. Chip Woodall could not make it to the meeting, as he just had knee surgery, but he did write a letter to the DDA detailing his experience with getting in.
- D) Photo-op with Image Emporium- The picture was taken, so Jessie will send a press release along with the photo on behalf of the DDA.

6. Upcoming Events: Big Red Apple Festival, October 7
7. Next Regular Board Meeting: **Thursday, July 13, 2017** at the Depot
8. Adjourn

Present: Brian Horton, Melany Ward, Matt Cathey, Heath Barrett, Josh Barrett, Brentt Cody, Don Higgins, Jessie Owensby

Absent: Donald Anderson, Amanda Chosewood

Guests: Tom Draffin, Kirby Glaze, Lindsey Holt