



Main Street Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Aubrey Bailey, Monica Davis, Veronica Henderson, Mary-Ellen English Kiszka, Leon Jackson, Kimberly Lunn.

Absent: Don Cannon, Hilda Henriquez, and Michelle Thrasher.

Staff and Visitors in Attendance: Andrew Simpson

On Thursday, September 15, 2022, the Hampton Main Street Advisory Board (MSAB) held its monthly meeting in person at the Depot, and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Leon Jackson, at 6:45 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes for September 1, 2022, were approved as Leon motioned for approval; Mary-Ellen made the motion and Veronica seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mission and Vision Statement Overview – Leon asked the board if they have any amendments. Mary Ellen requested that the word Georgia be placed after Hampton on the mission statement. Monica requested to add the City of Hampton. The board voted to add the two amendments to the revised mission and vision statements. Leon motioned for approval of the mission and vision statement with the amendments requested. Mary Ellen made the motion and Leon seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Work Plan Review – The work plan list of priorities was voted on as presented to the board by Andrew. Leon made the motion. Aubrey seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Main Street Director's Report

Porchfest Saturday October 8. It was suggested that the signs for performances are placed in the morning of the event. This would give people time to drive around. However, we would need the owner's permission to place them. There should be a list of venues and performances. Leon discussed the golf cart transportation which would provide an opportunity for people to visit each venue. Flyers need to be distributed to publicize the event. Currently we are paying \$100 per session. Mary Ellen and Leon both said this is a community event. Aubrey questioned the amount of money being paid as Andrew said that he had an inquiry which asked for \$400 to \$500. Andrew asked the board about asking for sponsorships to pay for the musicians. Aubrey asked how big we wanted the event to be. For Yellow Pollen and the Chili Cook Off you must pay for a decent artist to come and play. Kim said she would reach out to a friend of hers in a gospel band and see if they were interested.



Andrew will contact other communities and see how much they play. Kim asked about the restaurants and Mary Ellen discussed having someone local provide snacks. Mary Ellen, Leon, and Veronica said they would be volunteers. There needs to be yard signs placed at intersections to make commuters aware.

Trick or Treat Friday October 28. Kim will ask HBMA about their involvement. HBMA may provide a donation. Schools were going to do a Trunk or Treat on the same day, and this may change. Kim will ask the school for an update. Leon can hand out materials for railway safety. There are no vendors for Trick or Treat. Kim suggested having a Trunk or Treat at the Police Department parking lot.

Southern Crescent Sexual Assault & Child Advocacy Center's 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk is happening on Saturday November 5.

The Chili Cook Off at Camp Brewing November 5 is also going ahead on that day.

Committee Reports

Chairman Report (Organization)

Leon doesn't have much to report but is glad to see that we have quorums at the two meetings a month. He went on to ask what is happening with the appointments of officers. Andrew said that these would be appointed at the annual meeting.

Hampton Merchants Business Association (Promotions)

Hilda Henriquez is not at the meeting so Kim with HBMA will give the report. HBMA will be supporting trick or treat night. HBMA will also be having a conversation about future promotions and events. They get great interactions on Facebook.

Hampton Historic Preservation Commission HHPC (Design)

The Chair position is currently vacant. However, Andrew asked Mary Ellen to give an update on what the Historic Preservation Commission were involved with Historic preservation noticed a cracking on the Master Tax building next to Speakeasy Bookstore and Welcome Home. They were very concerned about the safety hazard, and the owner applied for a Certificate of Acceptation application to redo the front façade of the building. There were some concerns that the train was responsible for the crack, but other buildings did not have the same damage. The construction crew will have to tear everything off before they can find out what is wrong. Once the building is fixed, they will have put the Façade back. Mary Ellen is trying to find photos of what it was originally and see if they can put it back to how it was. A transom was covered up boards on the current façade. Yesterday was the first day that construction began on the building. Kim wondered about the speakeasy tunnel and if that caused possible structural issues. The structural engineer is planning to come to the Historic Preservation Commission meeting on Thursday for an update.



Downtown Development Authority DDA (Economic Vitality)

Monica Davis stated that the DDA work on the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the city resulted in the city signing off on it. The IGA will come back to the next DDA meeting which would be in October. The DDA Chair went through the accomplishments of the DDA up until now at the city council meeting and they are now working on Christmas decorations. The DDA plans to have a new tree and replacement bulbs pricing in the budget. The plan is to string the outline of the building. Kim appreciated the DDA donating to the Hampton Elementary School supplies, snacks and a breakfast bar. Kim also mentioned that where she is from the DDA sells flags for each parking spot that has messages and names of citizens. It is \$25 for the entire shopping season and is a great fundraiser for downtown. It's nice to see and doesn't cost much.

Open Discussion and Public Comment

Leon asked if anyone had anything further to say. Mary Ellen said that open discussion and public comment are integrated into our program meetings. Leon will add next week is rail safety week. He will be very busy but help where he can. The railroad lines through Hampton will be congested very soon. The national rail strike was avoided after negotiation this morning.

Announcements/Important Dates

a. Next meeting: October 6th.

Adjournment.

Leon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Veronica seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Andrew Simpson
Main Street Coordinator

Minutes Approved by:

Leon Jackson
Main Street Chair