



Main Street Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Staff and Visitors in Attendance: Andrew Simpson

On Thursday, October 6, 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 Veronica Henderson, at 6:37 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes for September 15, 2022, were approved as Mary Ellen motioned for approval; Mary-Ellen made the motion and Veronica seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

Andrew said that the Main Street Handbooks would be ready for the annual meeting.

Andrew asked the boards thoughts on when a Meet Main Street social would have the best attendance. Breakfast, lunch or dinner and on what day. Breakfast time was the preferred choice. Michelle thought Monday as businesses are closed. Don suggested this was not a good idea due to the distance that business owners would be travelling on their day off. Mary Ellen made the motion to send out an email to businesses for their preferred day and Aubrey seconded. The vote was unanimously approved.

Andrew detailed the Embrace Hampton's retailer's program. Don was already liaising with downtown businesses on E. Main St. Monica would cover the top part of Highway 19/41. Veronica will also assist with that. Mary Ellen would like to cover the area including Wendy's to the daycare center. Aubrey suggested attaching them Main Street map to the email to make the board more aware of what the area is.

Main Street Director's Report

Porchfest Saturday October 8. Andrew asked for volunteers to help. Monica will be at the Historic Train Depot at 4pm. Kim and Veronica will also be attending during the day. Aubrey will be hosting and Don will be moving between venues. Michelle and Leon are both unavailable.

Trick or Treat. Leon will be available on the 28th and will provide information on rail safety. Kim has a previous Trick or Treat engagement at the school, but will be



available after 6pm. Kim asked what businesses will be participating. Aubrey should be available. There will be a police presence at the event.

Southern Crescent 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk on November 5 and Chili Cook Off at Camp Brewing will both be taking place on November 5. Don is helping with the Chili Cook Off and will be meeting with Brandon at Camp Brewing tomorrow.

Committee Reports.

Leon has nothing to report from the Organizational Committee. The Promotions Committee and Design Committee chairs are vacant.

Mary Ellen discussed 24 E Main St. and the façade of the building collapsing. The building itself is now fortified and stable. The owner is deciding on what to do regarding rebuilding. Don said that the collapse of the façade had created issues for his building next door and they were awaiting on a structural engineer. The Tax office currently in the building is looking for a place to relocate.

Monica the chair of the economic development committee noted that Main Street had been in contact with Greg Nobles from the DDA about the Christmas decorations. Monica was not able to attend the last DDA meeting or the special called meetings so could provide no further updates. Don passed on the message from Shannon at Speakeasy Bookstore regarding the Fall decorations. Monica will be having a meeting with the DDA next week. There are lots of exciting stuff to come from the DDA.

Open Discussion and Public Comment

Michelle said she really appreciated the future of lighting up the downtown. Monica said that the idea for the board to be involved with other businesses was a good one. Mary Ellen will be contacting the Hampton Historic Preservation Committee to see who can manage the history center during Porchfest. For Trick or Treat Mary Ellen was not sure whether anyone would be available. Don said be prepared for lines down the street. Kim said they came from everywhere. Kim would also like to see a holiday tour of homes and a decorating competition. Mary Ellen talked about the cemetery and its historical significance in Henry County. Main Street needs to put out some publicity regarding it.

Announcements/Important Dates

Don asked to clarify when the next meeting was. After a short discussion both the next meeting and the annual meeting would be held on Thursday October 13 at 6.30pm and 6.45pm respectively.

Adjournment.

Mary Ellen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Veronica seconded. The



meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Andrew Simpson
Main Street Coordinator

Minutes Approved by:

Leon Jackson
Main Street Chair