

MINUTES
DOWNTOWN NEWTON DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

May 15, 2014

Item I: Roll Call

The DNDA convened at 4:10 p.m. in the second floor conference room of Newton City Hall on May 15th, 2014 with the following board members present:

Members Present: Melinda Travis Jessica Setzer Anne Wepner
Shaylyn Ladd Anne Stedman Melinda Herzog Sean Hovis

Members Absent: Jeremy Petty, Allison Cox, Dean Shepherd, CC Spesert

Staff Present: Rob Powell, Commercial Development Coordinator
Max Sigler, Planning Department

Others Present: Jerry Hodge and Josh Cummings (Business Advisory Committee members)

A quorum was established.

Item II. Consideration of Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were not ready for approval at the time of the meeting.

Item III: Treasurers Report: Jessica reported a bank balance of \$4,586.58. \$850 was paid to the IRS for the application for re-instatement of the 501(c) 3 tax exempt status. The need to monitor the finances of the organization and the need for accounting assistance from an accountant with non-profit experience was discussed.

Item IV: New Business

Member attendance and board vacancies were discussed. A motion was made and approved to remove Allison Cox from the board due to her relocating out of Newton. A motion was made and approved to remove Dean Shepherd from the board since he was now working for a Charlotte company and could not attend meetings. It was noted that the term of membership for CC Spesert would end next month and she would likely not be able to continue into the 2014-2017 term. A motion was made by Shaylynn Ladd, seconded by Melinda Travis, and unanimously approved to accept the application of Josh Cummings to the board. Josh will fill one of the vacant seats in the 2013-2016 class.

Notice was given about the Newton Boards and Commissions Appreciation Meeting to be held on June 2nd. Rob Powell and Melinda Herzog will be present for the Streetscape Master Plan Review Committee and Melinda Travis will represent the DNDA. All board and commission members are invited to attend.

Other New Business – Melinda Herzog advised that there would be a dedication ceremony in June for the new Museum signs. Jessica Setzer said that the Festival and Events Committee needed volunteers to help with parking at the Movies in the Park events. There was a discussion about the need for visitor's maps for downtown Newton to be available at OPOP, the Museum, and at downtown businesses.

Item V. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will be on June 19th at 4:00 pm. We will be voting on new members and new officers.

Submitted By Rob Powell for Secretary Shaylyn Ladd

