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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MEETING

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January 31, 2018

Present at the meeting were members Joe Giacalone , Walt Kolenda, Patty Gates, and Kathy Cuddyer, Rosemary Lundberg, and Councilor Melissa Cox.

1. Flag Salute

Joe Giacalone led the members in the flag salute.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 15, 2017 Meeting

On a motion by Walt and seconded by Patty, the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Member/City Officials Updates

The again remarked that the lighted wreaths worked out well this past holiday season and that there was no reason to add anything to them in the future. It was also related that the wreaths would just be discarded at the end of the season.

The planters were also well received, though their exact construction could be discussed before ordering them again.

It is still an ongoing discussion about what, if anything, should be done about some sort of permanent festival lighting that could be used year-long. It seems that good quality rope lighting on the poles on Main Street may be the answer. Ringo Tarr will be invited to the next meeting to get his opinion on the matter. It will also be helpful to get his input into the possibility of removing the old lighting/wiring from the trees on Main Street. The member all agree that they are an eyesore, a hazard in some spots, and detrimental to the health of the trees themselves. The Chair will also remind the administration that the members are still looking to get the lighting removed and would welcome their guidance.

The members thought that it would be helpful to upgrade the signage in the downtown area identifying the best way to get to Main Street. Although there are currently signs in place, they are small and easily missed and the members might prefer larger signs that are clearly identifiable.

4. New Business

Patty related to the members an incident at one of her businesses on main Street this past December. It involved a customer and a companion animal. She also shared the state and federal law related to this subject. Under advisement from the city legal department, it was recommended that the DDC not disseminate this information to the downtown businesses, as it may present a conflict of interest. The members agreed that maybe the Board of Health and/or the Mayor's office could present the relevant information to the public and business owners.

Walt and Patty shared their concern for construction and related companies doing work on Main Street reserving metered spaces for their work vehicles, as this takes away parking for customers of businesses on Main Street. Councilor Cox shared the pertinent ordinance, which is pretty vague and confusing. She said that she will work with the administration to create more concise language to clarify the ordinance.

5. Other

The members agreed to hold their next meeting on February 21.

On a motion by Walt, seconded by Kathy, the members unanimously voted to adjourn.



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**Downtown Development Commission
January 31, 2018 5pm
First Floor Conference Room
Dale Ave Street Gloucester, MA 01930**

AGENDA

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1. Flag Salute
2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 15, 2017 Meeting
3. Member/City Official Updates
 - Holiday wreaths/planters
 - Festival lighting
4. New Business
 - Service animal policies
 - Metered spaces taken by construction vehicles
5. Other

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