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## **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

### **MEETING**

DDC@gloucester-ma.gov

**April 25, 2018**

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

Also present were City Council President Paul Lundberg, Ward 2 City Councilor Ken Hecht, Community Development Director Jill Cahill, Suzanne Silveira, and Ringo Tarr

#### **1. Flag Salute**

Joe Giacalone led the members in the flag salute.

#### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 21, 2018 Meeting**

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

#### **3. Member/City Officials Updates**

Councilor Cox reviewed the zoning ordinance language changes she proposes to better clarify conditions put on construction vendors in reserving metered parking spaces in front of work sites on Main Street. The members agreed that shouldn't be allowed in a reserved space, only dumpsters or other equipment, and when scaffolding is in use. This should significantly cut down on the amount of time that spaces are withheld from downtown customers.

The members plan to construct a map with banner location type and placement for the DPW to follow when changing out the seasonal banners.

#### **4. New Business**

Ward 2 City Councilor Hecht updated the members on his "Light Up Main Street" program. His plan is to string lights in the trees along Main Street, drawing power from newly installed light fixtures that will have electrical outlets on them. Councilor Hecht has consulted with the DPW director, the city electrical inspector, the city building inspector, and local electrician Ringo Tarr on the details of this project.

The total cost is estimated at \$79,312.48. The material cost is \$30,140.60 and the labor needed is estimated at \$55,200.00. The administration has decided to donate the approximately \$17,000.00 that is left in an account that developer Sam Park had set aside for a downtown capital project to offset the material cost. Councilor Hecht hopes to get local electricians to donate their time needed to make this project happen. He has said that he will spearhead fund raising efforts to offset any shortfall in reaching the projected project costs.

Councilor Hecht also related that new trash receptacles will be installed along Main Street soon. Also that the hanging baskets have been ordered and that Generous Gardeners will again care for the planters.

The members discussed the food vendor on the boulevard and that he is taking up too many spots and leaves a mess. Joe will contact Ward 3 Councilor LeBlanc about the situation.

The members submitted their names and contact information to be used to update the city website.

#### **5. Other**

The members agreed on the date for their next meeting.

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



**Downtown Development Commission**  
**April 25, 2018 5pm**  
**First Floor Conference Room**  
**9 Dale Ave Street Gloucester, MA 01930**

## AGENDA

1. Flag Salute
2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 21, 2018 Meeting
3. Member/City Official Updates

Removal of old wiring from trees on Main Street

Festival/Holiday lighting on Main Street

Planters/Hanging Plants

Banners

4. New Business
5. Other

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