

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PANAMA CITY DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD

WEDNESDAY July 15, 2020 at 8:30AM

Center for the Arts
19 East 4TH St.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** NICK BENINATE officiating, JANE LINDSEY, ELIZABETH MOORE, ALLAN BRANCH – present. Absent were PAM ARMSTRONG and COURTNEY DICKERSON. Nick Beninate informed the board that CATHERINE SHORES would participate via telephone. A motion was made and seconded. Motion was approved. Elizabeth Moore excused yourself at 9:00am and Jane Lindsey at 9:45am.
2. **CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIR REPORT:** Nick Beninate updated the board on sending a letter of support for Thistle and Thorne and the tattoo ordinance and updated the board that the city had approved task order for the engineering of McKenzie Park and surrounding roadways. Catherine Shores reported on the meeting with city officials attended with Mike Hays. The discussion with the city officials were in regard to the DIB becoming the downtown parking authority, maintenance contracts for Harrison Ave and the possibility of the DIB managing these contracts and the city’s “boots on the ground”, overseeing the work being performed. Also, the McKenzie House was discussed. Nothing was agreed to, but both sides will discuss further.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 10, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes were presented. Motion was made for approval, seconded. Motion was approved.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Kim Stiegler presented the board a proposal to provide event assistance for the Music on the Porch event on August 29. A maximum budget \$1,500 was proposed; \$1,000 for musicians and food tokens, and \$300 for advertising. The DIB would provide Facebook advertising of \$200. Motion was made and seconded. Motion was approved.
5. **FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Mike Hays updated the board of the current status of the budget and bank balances.
6. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - More information was provided by Tim Whaler in regard to a parking study. Past studies and costs were discussed. Tim will send Nick a proposal for future discussion. Employee parking on Harrison Ave was also discussed.
 - Jayson Kretzer updated the board on cost and placements for future murals.
 - The FY21 budget was presented with a 3mil rate and the special project(s) of \$50,000 with those funds coming from reserves. After discussion the special project(s) was increased to \$100,000 coming from reserves. Motion was made to approve the mileage rate of 3mil and the adjusted budget. Motion was made and seconded. Motion was approved.
7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A pathway was discussed across the private property in the 100 block of Harrison Ave. No action was taken, concern was improving the private owner’s lot with DIB funds.
 - A vote on dissolving the Main Street and Community Development Agency was postponed till next month’s meeting because of lack of a quorum when Jane Lindsey had to leave.
8. **Committees Updates:** No updates
9. **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:** No Updates
10. **REMINDERS/CALLS TO ACTION:**
 - Regular DIB meeting will be on August 15, 2020 at 8:30am at the Center for the Arts.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**