

CITY OF LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - 2 PM
City Hall - Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
Minutes

9/7/2021 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 PM

C. St. Clair: Made a motion to appoint B. Neal as Chairman of the Board.

C. Condodemetraky: Seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.

2. Roll Call

The following members were present: Chris Condodemetraky, Breanna Neal, Charlie St. Clair, and Robert Mora

3. Recording Secretary

Robert Mora

4. Staff in Attendance

Robert Mora, Assistant Planner

5. Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings

The draft minutes from the previous meeting could not be located.

6. Review of TIF Budget (PDF)

The board reviewed the estimated revenue that the TIF would see this year along with the forecasted Bond payment and Colonial payment. The board also discussed payments that the TIF makes for the operation of the security cameras that were installed.

7. Downtown Parking

The board discussed a need for parking downtown and that the City Council has the Parking Garage on its next agenda. Members discussed whether more spaces would be leased out and if further development is brought downtown and what effect that would have on downtown businesses.

Concerns were also raised with the potential need for parking meters or parking passes. What the cost of the parking would be and what system would be used to collect fees. Also whether parking permits would be utilized in conjunction with a parking meter and how this would affect employees that work downtown.

The board also discussed that perhaps fees shouldn't be collected on weekends and after certain times during the week so that businesses and the downtown is incentivized to grow.

Signage was also noted as an issue downtown with parking. There should be universal signage stating where Municipal parking is located.

The board also discussed parking tickets and that they should be enforced equally so that Laconia residents are not being solely burdened by parking tickets.

8. Goal Setting and Projects

The board discussed that we need to start looking at setting some new Goals for the TIF as most of the current projects have been completed.

Possible ideas that came were discussed were new banner poles, bridge lighting, pedestrian bridge lighting, and a kayak launch north of the dam. The banner poles had been proposed in the past and would have been located closer to Stewart Park and the Library.

The board was concerned with the removal of the street trees and whether those would be replaced.

The board recalled that there should still be an allocation of 25K for signs to connect the WOW Trail to the Riverwalk.

9. New Business

The next meeting of the Downtown TIF was scheduled for October 26, 2021 @ 8:30 in Conference Room 200B.

10. Old Business

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 PM.