



Main Street Board Meeting Minutes

Held at the Historic Train Depot

17 East Main Street, Hampton, GA

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6:30 pm

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Thursday, July 21, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Monica Davis, Veronica Henderson, Hilda Henriquez, Leon Jackson, Dell Landis, Wanda Moore, Ann Tarpley.

Staff and Visitors in Attendance: Kc Krzic, Andrew Simpson. Michelle Thrasher.

On Thursday, July 21, 2022, the Hampton Main Street Advisory Board (MSAB) held its monthly meeting in person at the Depot, and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Ernest Leon Jackson, at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes for November 18, 2021 was approved as Ms. Dell motioned for approval; Ms. Veronica seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously. The clerk will certify the minutes due to no quorum being available.

Main Street Director's Report

Kc, asked Andrew to move through the Main Street Report Power Point presentation with introductions from both Kc and Andrew. Andrew noted that both Creative Flipping Boutique and Bear Creek Furniture and Antiques had opened recently on E. Main St. Mayor Tarpley also added Camp Brewing on Cherry Street and East Main Hair & Nail Salon on E. Main St. to the list of new downtown openings.

The new applicants to the board were discussed by Andrew. He stated that the revision of the bylaws would mean more opportunity for downtown merchants to be on the board and would then result in more interest and following from the downtown.

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The board applicants are:

Marsha Jones, Your CBD Store Hampton.
Luwana Staley, Garden Girl Teas & More.
Brandon Smith, Camp Brewing.
Don Cannon, Speakeasy Bookstore.
Kimberly Lunn. Resident.

Mayor Tarpley made the motion to appoint the above named to the Main Street board where vacancies currently are and to fill vacancies as and when they arise. Ms. Hilda seconded and the vote was unanimous. Ms. Dell noted that in the past the board had interviewed potential candidates. Mayor Tarpley noted that both Kc and Andrew had experience in recruiting for boards. Andrew asked all the current board members whether they had taken Main Street 101. Ms. Veronica said that she had not. Andrew will follow up with either an in person or online Main Street 101 option.

The By-laws were discussed by Andrew, and he noted that though there had been meetings this year, there had not been a quorum. Andrew stated that he understood that current board members may be busy with other projects and so may wish to be replaced by the prospective new board members. Mayor Tarpley and Ms. Moore said they would like to resign from the board and be replaced. Leon said that he would like to have new leadership. Andrew talked about the annual retreat in October and how new board officers would be elected then. The Mayor discussed the role of board members and committees. The committees would be made up of volunteers, chaired by a member of the board, but would not have to go through a vetting process.

Both the Juneteenth Celebration and the Hampton Youth Council's 5K events took place in June and July. They were discussed as being well attended and supported by the community and everyone looked forward to these events returning in 2023. Hampton Day was discussed, and the question was asked whether it would still be the last Sunday in May next year? Will it be better advertised if it is?

Contacts and Information Requests

Kc requested that the board where possible should share their artisan/civic vendors, food trucks, musicians, and event volunteer contacts with Main Street.

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Calendar of Special Called Meetings in 2022 (Vote required)

Kc and Andrew discussed the lack of quorums at previous Main Street Board meetings which caused the requirement of 10 meetings for the rest of the year to retain the Classic Main Street designation. Leon asked if we were still in the probationary period that Kenda worked so hard to get us out of? Andrew said that as of now due to the lack of quorums in previous meetings we would fail to retain the classic designation. However, if we can meet 10 times between now and December then we could retain the classic designation. Andrew had researched the dates of other Hampton committee meetings and with the feedback of board members the first Thursday of each month was the best option for the additional special called meeting. Regular board meetings would still be scheduled for the third Thursday of the month. This arrangement would only be until the end of the year and did not prevent the board from adding meetings when necessary. Ms. Hilda made the motion and Mayor Tarpley seconded. The board vote was unanimously approved.

Andrew added once Main Street Hampton was back on track with new board members and regular meeting attendance then we could apply for Georgia Exceptional Main Street (GEMS) Designation. Andrew would present the criteria to the board so that a move forward could take place in 2023.

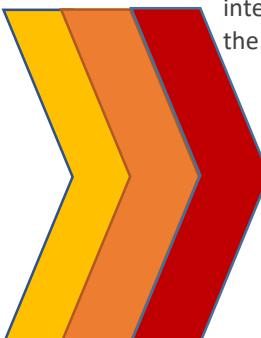
Committee Reports

Chairman Report (Organization)

Not much to report but looking forward to working with the new team. Mr. Leon felt there was a need to appoint new Leadership officials. The Co-Chair resigned, there is no official Secretary, and the Chair needs new blood.

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Hampton Merchants Business Association (Promotions)

HBMA President Ms. Hilda discussed her meeting with Kc and Andrew. Ms. Hilda asked that all events in the Downtown be publicized by Main Street and placed on the city website. This would encourage participation and increase attendance. Ms. Hilda asked who is running the social media for promotions? Kc and Andrew said they would be promoting events both on the website and social media.

Hampton Historic Preservation Commission HHPC (Design)

Ms. Dell informed the Board that there were no current COA's and was very excited about the future for 13 Oak Street. The Historic Preservation Commission were working on a pamphlet for historic home information and tours.

Downtown Development Authority DDA (Economic Vitality)

DDA- Ms. Davis informed the board that the DDA did not have a quorum for the last 3 months. Both Kc and Andrew had introduced themselves at the meeting and the DDA looked forward to working with them.

Open Discussion and Public Comment

Mr. Leon was asked about quiet zones for the Norfolk Southern Railroad. He said that estimated costs for new signalization at each crossing is approximately \$300,000.

Hampton Day was noted to be a great success as was the Inaugural Juneteenth Festival which was put together in a short space of time. It was suggested to hold the events later in the day, as it would be cooler and more well attended.

Announcements/Important Dates

Kc said that August would be busy with COPS Day/Back to School Bash on Saturday August 13, 11am to 3pm and then Founder's Day on Saturday August 27 having 2 events, the immersion into Hampton's History at 10am and the Celebratory Concert at 6:30pm. Mayor Tarpley discussed the origins of Founder's Day, the founding of Bear Creek in 1872 and the town of Hampton in 1873. From August 2022 to August 2023 there would be several events to commemorate the founding. Kc and Andrew both

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talked about having a time capsule buried in January 2023 as part of the celebrations. The board discussed the possible contents.

Adjournment

Following the Announcements/Important Dates, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Leon and seconded by Ms. Veronica. The Board approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted by:

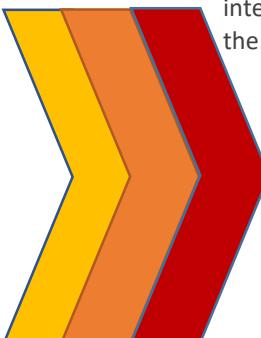
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