



**City of Hampton's Main Street Advisory Board
Held in Historic Train Depot
20 East Main Street S.
Hampton, GA**

Main Street Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Veronica Henderson, Glendora Dvine via Zoom, Kim Lunn, Mary Ellen English-Kiszka, Wanda Moore, Donnie Bryant, Keisha White-Williams, Kenda Woodard (Main Street Director), Amanda Cullinane via Zoom (Main Street Coordinator)

Absent: Mayor Ann Tarpley, Leon Jackson, Michelle Thrasher, and Chandra Johnson,

Call to Order

On Thursday, April 18, 2024, the Hampton Main Street Advisory Board (MSAB) held its monthly meeting at the Historic Train Depot. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Mary Ellen English-Kiszka at 6:05 p.m. and seconded by Kim Lunn.

Minutes

Mary Ellen English-Kiszka asked for a motion to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes held on March 21, 2024. Wanda Moore made the motion to approve, and Kim Lunn seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition.

Financials

Kenda Woodard provided a comprehensive review of the financial report to the board members in attendance. Glendora Dvine made the motion to approve the financial report, and Keisha White-Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed, with no opposition.

Main Street Director's Report

Kenda Woodard introduced the new board members in attendance, Donnie Bryant, and Keisha White-Williams. Donnie Bryant represents the Hampton Historic Preservation Commission (HHPC). Mr. Bryant took a few moments to introduce himself to the group. Mr. Bryant is a new resident of Hampton. He is originally from New Orleans and moved to Hampton just eight months ago. Keisha White-Williams, who is also a newly appointment member of City Council, serves as the chairwoman of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) which is the entity she represents as a part of the Main Street Board. Ms. White-Williams took a few moments to introduce herself to the group. There was also a guest present during the meeting, Niama, a Hampton resident since 2008 and the business owner of The Sassy Collection Creation Center located on Highway 19/41. Kim Lunn led the group in reciting the Mission and Vision statements.

Old Business

Main Street by-laws state that the Main Street Board should be comprised of nine members including ex-officio members such as the Mayor, and a representative from the following groups: DDA, HPC, and Community Development. Ms. Woodard shared that she has found an amendment to the by-laws that propose adding the verbiage '*at least nine members*'. Currently, all nine positions are filled; however, there are two members who have been absent for several months. Ms. Woodard discussed how the Board should address the absentee members according to the by-laws. Chandra Johnson has expressed a desire to remain on the board. The board discussed Ms. Johnson's position on the board. Glendora Dvine made the motion to allow Chandra Johnson to remain on the Main Street Board and Kim Lunn seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. The group discussed Michelle Thrasher's position on the Board. Ms. Thrasher's full-time job with Clayton County causes conflict with her ability to serve on the Main Street Board. Glendora Dvine made the motion to remove Michelle Thrasher from the Main Street Board and Veronica Henderson seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. Kenda Woodard furthered the discussion around the number of board members. Ms. Woodard shared with the



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board that a Merchants Association will be reestablished soon.

Kenda Woodard shared that she met with Laura Luker, Director of Tourism at Visit Henry, regarding the Rosenwald Project. Five local artists have been commissioned to create pieces of art to be displayed in our current Rosenwald Park. Ms. Woodard provided a brief history of Rosenwald Schools. Each artist was paired with a past student or person who was involved with the Rosenwald School that was once located in Hampton. The building has since been demolished, but the art pieces and park will represent the heritage that the Rosenwald School contributed to the city. Wanda Moore went into more detail of what the park will look like once it is finished, including new walking trails. Kim Lunn added that Locust Grove also has a Rosenwald School that will be moved to Unity Grove Elementary and used as an education center. Kenda Woodard shared that Griffin also has a six-room Rosenwald School that is now open as a museum.

New Business

Kenda Woodard shared the Main Street Approach Flow Chart with the group while also discussing the Main Street Work Plan. Ms. Woodard explained transformation strategies and how they are implemented using a work plan. In 2017, Community Transformation Strategies were introduced. These strategies help identify three key things to work on in your community and your top priorities. The work plan addresses which entity will be responsible for each task as well as the projected cost. Each entity and their role pertaining to Main Street is identified on the flow chart.

Committee Reports

Organization/Veronica Henderson

Promotions Committee/Merchants Association: Amanda Cullinane gave an update about upcoming events. Amanda shared that Yellow Pollen Festival registration is now closed with 90 vendors. The city had its first interdepartmental meeting regarding the festival last week. Eats & Beats in April went very well. Both food trucks and restaurants were very successful. The number of food trucks will be the same but will have different cuisines. The next Eats & Beats is on May 3rd. Hampton Day will be on the last Sunday in May. We will partner with our local American Legion for the annual Memorial Day ceremony. Events happening at local establishments like Camp Brewery's Boil & Brew and Digiworld's Film Festival were also highlighted.

Design Committee/Hampton Historic Preservation Commission: Donnie Bryant shared about HPC's retreat. The group reviewed the commission's by-laws in detail. They also took a walking tour through downtown to familiarize themselves with the businesses. Mr. Bryant also shared that May is National Historic Preservation Month.

Economic Vitality/Downtown Development Authority: Kesha White-Williams stated that an architect shared conceptual drawings for 24 E Main St. The authority is very excited about the possibilities that will fill that space such as a restaurant.

Open Discussion and Public Comment

Announcements/ Important Dates

Next monthly meeting is on Thursday, June 20, 2024

Adjournment

A motion was made by Glendora Dvine and seconded by Wanda Moore to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

Veronica Henderson
Chair, Main Street Advisory Board