



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

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**Main Street Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 21, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Veronica Henderson, Glendora Dvine, Kim Lunn, Leon Jackson, Mary Ellen English-Kiszka, Wanda Moore, Kenda Woodard (Main Street Director), Amanda Cullinane (Main Street Coordinator)

**Absent:** Mayor Ann Tarpley, Michelle Thrasher, and Chandra Johnson,

**Call to Order**

On Thursday, March 21, 2024, the Hampton Main Street Advisory Board (MSAB) held its monthly meeting at the Historic Train Depot. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Veronica Henderson at 6:38 p.m. and seconded by Glendora Dvine.

**Agenda**

Veronica Henderson asked for a motion to amend the agenda. Leon Jackson made the motion to amend the agenda. Wanda Moore seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0. The motion passed with no opposition.

**Minutes**

Veronica Henderson asked for a motion to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes and the meeting minutes from the annual retreat, both held on February 24, 2024. Kim Lunn made the motion to approve and Mary Ellen English-Kiszka seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0. Wanda Moore abstained from the vote as she was not present during that meeting. The motion passed with no opposition.

**Financials**

Veronica Henderson asked for a motion to table the financial report for February 2024. Mary Ellen English-Kiszka made the motion to table the financial report, and Leon Jackson seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0. The motion passed, with no opposition.

**Main Street Director's Report**

Kenda Woodard addressed the guest in the room, who introduced herself as Niama, a Hampton resident since 2008 and the business owner of The Sassy Collection Creation Center located on Highway 19/41. Ms. Niama was invited to the meeting by MSAB member Glendora Devine.

Ms. Woodard informed the board that at the MSAB request...based upon their by-laws the Hampton City Council made two new appointments to the main street Board. Mayor Ann Tarpley and Wanda Moore, Community Development Director were both appointed. According to the by-laws, the Main Street Board is comprised of five at-large positions and four positions that are filled by appointed or elected personnel. Official representatives from the Historic Preservation Commission and Downtown Development Authority have not, yet, been appointed. At-large representatives must own a business, or a building located within the city limits of Hampton or reside downtown.

Ms. Woodard provided an overview of the Board Retreat including the new Mission & Vision statements. The Board read the new Mission and Vision statements aloud. Ms. Woodard shared with the Board that Hampton Main Street received its Annual Accreditation which was awarded by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on behalf of the Main Street America located in Chicago, IL.



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#### **New Business**

No New Business

#### **Committee Reports**

##### ***Organization/Main Street Director's Report***

***Promotions Committee/Merchants Association:*** Amanda Cullinane gave an update about upcoming events. The Community Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for the following Saturday, pending rain. Amanda asked for volunteers to help hide the eggs on Saturday morning. Digiworld Entertainment is hosting their Grand Opening on Saturday afternoon. Eats & Beats will begin in April. All food trucks are scheduled, but music is still needed. Amanda showed the board the new spring rack cards with events from March - May. Yellow Pollen Festival vendors will close on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently there are 78 vendors registered. Amanda introduced a new event for Mother's Day – Tea by the Tracks, which will be a ladies only event for all ages. In June, we will host Eats & Beats and a Juneteenth black-owned market. We will also host a Father's day event – Tee by the Tracks.

***Design Committee/Hampton Historic Preservation Commission:*** Kenda Woodard reported that the HHPC will be appointing their official representative to the Main Street Board during their meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024

##### ***Economic Vitality/Downtown Development Authority***

No report

#### **Open Discussion and Public Comment**

Ms. Niama further elaborated on her business by informing the board that once a month she hosts empowerment seminars to uplift the community and discuss a variety of topics such as drug use and puberty in adolescents. The center also hosts creative classes such as crochet, dance and jewelry making.

Wanda Moore introduced herself and explained her role as Community Development Director. Community Development facilitates and enforces all city ordinances, codes, and regulations regarding business licenses, business development and other topics. Community Development collaborated with Main Street a couple of years ago and was rewarded a Livable Cities Initiatives (LCI) Grant in the amount of \$100,000 to complete a study in the East Hampton Community and Rosenwald area. Community Development is in the process of applying for several other grants. Some up and coming improvements include sidewalks, lighting, and stormwater improvements along West King Street. The department is preparing to submit a ten-million-dollar grant that would be used to build a pedestrian bridge over state route 20 which would connect West King where it was divided in 2006 when the state highway was completed.

#### **Announcements/ Important Dates**

Next monthly meeting is on Thursday, April 18, 2024

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Kim Lunn and seconded by Glendora Dvine to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:33p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

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Veronica Henderson  
Chair, Main Street Advisory Board