



**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

March 21, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Veronica Henderson, Glendora Divine, 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 Divine.

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 1st. 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:

Veronica Henderson
Chair, Main Street Advisory Board