
Meeting Minutes
Board of Management
April 11, 2023 at HDTC-BIA Office 6pm

Attendance: Jim Carrington & Nancy Dudley (Co-Chair); Connie Beneteau (BIA); Clair Culliford (Secretary); Andrew Thiel (Abstract Marketing); Jen Acampora (Apollo); Curtis Lemieux (Willy's 420); and Hetty Hunter – Airline Café. Liz Newton.

Nancy called the meeting to order.

Nancy asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was first made by Andrew and seconded by Clair; all were in favour. Motion carried.

There was a question from last month to Sergeant Cowell. It was asked if an incident behind their building was reported or not. The incident was reported and there was no need to worry for anyone's safety at this time. The hardcopy police report was then reviewed. There were 48 calls for March. The social disorders were slightly up and the CK Police continue working with community partners on these. Other incidents to note were related to warrants, health, traffic complaints, 1 robbery, but no B&Es.

The BIA received a notice from Kniaziew Optometry about the accumulation of "stuff" in parking lot #5. This is Municipal's property and Sergeant Cowell suggested to notify them or do an online report for the CK Police. Also suggested was reporting the damage to the receptacle bins on King Street. The key to online reporting is, "there are no suspect or evidence". If there is, you must call in.

A motion was made to approve the Police Report first by Andrew and seconded by Jen. All were in favour. Motion carried.

Nancy asked if there were any business arising from the previous board meeting minutes. Andrew has received a price to put up lights on King Street. One pole and permission from the building owners will be required. Andrew and Darrin have given permission from "Crowfest" to donate their lights to the HDTC-BIA. The intention is to crisscross the street above the height of the current lamppost plugs. The lights are only 1.5 lbs. to cross. The section of the street for this year is from here to 5th Street only.

Nancy asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting.

A motion was made to accept the Previous Board Meeting Minutes first by Hetty and second by Curtis. All were in favour and Meeting Minutes were approved.

Nancy asked if there were any declaration of conflict of interest? Seeing none, we are moving onto the Board Reports.

Board Reports:

Co-Chair: Nancy reported the 'new' businesses in our downtown. There is a report going to council that the Board of Managements to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent must be compliant with being diverse. Conor confirmed in an email that we were compliant.

Secretary: Clair informed the Board that PAWRs thanked the BIA for participating in their campaign with the businesses to help get their animals adopted through social media. It was an over-whelming success. It was cost effective and a unique way of marketing to attract and a great example of community partnership.

Office Update: Connie informed the group that the Fergie Jenkins parade is not going downtown Chatham. It's from Lacroix to the Civic Centre. However, the overall event is from the Civic Centre all the way down to the Sons of Kent Brewery. We will still be asking all the businesses if they will decorate their windows. Andrew sent over a link to the Chicago Fergie Event to post on social media to see how it went and maybe what we can expect.

We previously spoke about the lights downtown earlier.

Audits for 2020, 2021 are completed and 2022 will begin shortly. Andrew has bin wrap available if businesses want to use for their windows.

Liz mentioned the LTVCA emails for planting and maintaining the corner in parking lot #5. Liz will go ahead and plant it based on the emails.

Treasurer: Paul was not available for this meeting however he was in the day before and reviewed the documents.

MCK Representatives: Council, Ec. Dev and Fire were unavailable for this meeting.

A motion was made to approve the board reports first by Andrew and second by Clair. All were in favour. Reports were approved.

Nancy asked if there were any additional/new business anyone wanted to report on? Andrew said that he was working on a project, specifically a Projector off his balcony onto the side of the Capitol Theatre. There will be local artist's work, visual and audio will be available. There is a big push for sculptures. Our downtown murals are also in great need of repair. Connie presented to the board a idea of taking a high resolution photo of the mural on 4th Street down by the river and putting it back up as a photo. Samples of material were placed on the table to be reviewed. In order to complete this project, a grant would need to be found.

It was proposed that for the next meeting, that everyone submit what they would like to see moving forward on projects. "It's Time For Us (as a Board) To Grow!" Create a "Dream Session" in June or July and seek different partners; survey the membership; reason for levy dollars.

Cutis let the Board know that his business just did a documentary of its growth.

Jim asked if we knew where the artwork on the side of the Capitol Theatre went?

Nancy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, The motion was made first by Hetty and second by Liz. All were in favour and meeting was adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: May 9, 2023

Signature of Chair:

Signature of Secretary: