

DDA MEETING

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Location: Blairsville City Hall

Time: 12 PM

Megan Kimsey (Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

Present for Meeting: Megan Kimsey, Chris Wadle, Zach Edmonds, Rhonda Mahan, Steve Rowe, Courtney Waller, Johnny Collins, DDA Director Kristen Bentley.

Guests: None

A Quorum was established.

Conflicts of Interest: None

No public commentary

Minutes: Rhonda Mahan made a motion to approve the September 2024 meeting minutes , Courtney Waller seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Financials: Chris Wadle made a motion to approve September 2024 financials, Rhonda Mahan seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

New Business:

Kristen presented the board with an updated mission and vision statement that had been formulated from last month's strategic planning session. Zach Edmonds voted to approve the new statements, Rhonda Mahan seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Zach presented the first Park Task Force update to the board. He stated that the Task Force has decided to apply for lighting and signage for the park via the T-Mobile Hometown Grant, which is due in December of 2024. In addition, the DDA's efforts to obtain a Downtown Master Plan next year will include a section dedicated to revitalization of the park space. Zach and Kristen are in touch with the Appalachian Regional Commission regarding funding for this project and will provide continued updates.

Kristen expressed the need to establish a work session with the board to conclude Strategic Planning. The Board established consensus that Wednesday, October 9, would work best for everyone.

Old Business:

No old Business to discuss.

Appendix:

Kristen presented the Director's update for members and provided handouts of the Work Plan with completed items highlighted.

Chris Wadle made a motion to end the meeting at 1:04pm. Johnny Collins seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried.**