

**Minutes of the
DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT BOARD
Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday December 6, 2016**

- I. Call to Order & Comments from The Chair – Chairman Peacock called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- II. Attendance
 - a. Board members present – John Peacock, Teri Levin, Charlie Switzer, DeeDee Davis
- III. Recurring Agenda
 - a. Mr. Peacock confirmed that the meeting was noticed properly.
 - b. There was a motion and a second to accept the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the DIB held on November 15, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. There was a motion and a second to accept the proposed agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Presentations
 - a. Mr. Dana reviewed bid proposals for Jefferson Parking Garage Landscape and Jefferson Street Design Development.
 - i. Jefferson Parking Garage Plan was unanimously approved by the Board
 - ii. Next steps to include ARB, Public Notice and informing the Mayor’s office.
 - iii. Mr. Peacock requested that Mr. Morse and Mr. Dana reach out to Councilman Spencer for conceptual plans addressing the dumpster area.
 - iv. Jefferson Street – Garden to Government plan was tabled as per Mr. Peacock until after Mr. Peacock and Mr. Morse can schedule a meeting with Mr. Baker and the Mayor next week.
- V. Ongoing Business
 - a. Mr. Morse provided update on First City Lights Festival and requested a vote from the Board on a date to turn the lights off.
 - i. Board unanimously agreed that the end of the First City Lights Festival will be Jan.31st.
 - b. Mr. Morse informed the Board that Foo-Foo Jefferson Mural is slated to be complete by the end of December provided the weather continues to cooperate.
 - c. Mr. Morse requested that the Board send their suggestions of possible names for the planned ‘Farm to Table’ event in April.
 - d. Mr. Morse confirmed that all Board member received the December Newsletter and provided overview of plan to continue a monthly newsletter.
 - e. Mr. Morse and the Board discussed when the Banners should tentatively be installed. It was agreed by the Board that the Banners should be installed after Mardi Gras to avoid damages.
 - i. Mr. Peacock stated that Parade Organizers must be made aware of DIB assets and held responsible for protecting or replacing damaged assets that occur during their event.
 - ii. Mr. Switzer requested a plan from Mardi Gras organizers to remove the beads from the trees at the end of Mardi Gras Events
 - f. Mr. Morse shared the City Ordinance Sec.12-12-7 – License to use right -of-way and Sec.8-1-25 – Panhandling with the Board for their review and future discussion.
 - i. Mr. Morse updated Board on sidewalk cleaning efforts that were completed in the So-Go district and plans to continue North on Palafox.
- VI. Parking
 - a. Mr. Morse provided summary of Parking Summit that occurred on 11/29/2016.

VII. New Business

- a. South Palafox Street closures for weekend events was postponed for later discussion.
- b. Mr. Morse asked the Board if they felt it beneficial or necessary to have a Sunshine Law review to which the Board stated was not necessary at this time.
- c. Mr. Morse and the Board discussed scheduled meetings for the Dec. and Jan and the following changes were unanimously approved:
 - i. DIB Meeting for Jan 3rd moved to Jan. 10th
 - ii. DIB meeting for Jan 17th moved to Jan 24th
- d. Mr. Peacock requested that Mr. Morse work on locating funding to continue the Beach Trolley services and to add this item to the list of topics to discuss during the meeting with the Mayor's office.

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Mr. Thompson informed Board of Chamber hosted Merry Marketplace event occurring on Dec. 8
- b. Mr. Ballenger stated that efforts to force Panhandling off Palafox will only push the activity to other streets.
 - i. Mr. Peacock stated that due to less foot traffic on outlined Panhandling would not be a lucrative or sustainable.

IX. Adjournment the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 a.m.