

CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
(DDRC) MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 2019 4:00 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Mayor Mark Eckert	Present
Ken Kinsella, Alderman-Ward 1, Chairman	Present
Jeff Renner	Present
Geri Boyer	Present
Michael Nester	Excused
Steve Hemmer	Present
Chuck Blanquart	Present
Amanda Schlecht	Present
Brett Baltz	Excused

STAFF:

Annissa McCaskill, Residential and Commercial Development Services Interim Director
Eric Schauster, Economic Development, Planning & Zoning Department Asst. Director
Amy Toenjes, Economic Development Planning and Zoning Department Secretary

GUESTS: Sean Hall, Bennie Parr, Steven Maguire, via telephone

The meeting of the Downtown Development/Redevelopment Commission (DDRC) met as scheduled at 4:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of City Hall, 101 S. Illinois Street.

Ken Kinsella, Chairman called the meeting in order after declaring that there was a quorum. After introducing the members present, Chairman Kinsella explained the emergency procedures.

Chairman Kinsella asked if there were any corrections to be noted for the April 22, 2019 meeting minutes. No changes were made. A motion was made by Steve Hemmer and Seconded by Geri Boyer hence the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

New Business:

1. Belleville Mural Project

Sean Hall, representative of the Belleville Mural Project, explained the Committee's request to place murals on the north side of the Complete Supplements Store located at 111 South Jackson Street; on a portion of the east side of Grimm and Gorly Flowers and Gifts at 324 E. Main Street; on the North East side of 225 East Main currently occupied by Turned Treasures and on the first story of the south side of building at 128 East Main occupied by Circa Boutique. Mr. Hall stated the goal is to make Downtown Belleville a destination location and to bring more foot traffic into the area. Mr. Hall added after approval, the building owner, artist, and Committee members will work on a "vision" for the direction for the mural and then an "open call for art" will be created, allowing artists to submit their pieces under the project guidelines. Bennie Parr explained this is a collaborative project between merchants and residents. Mr. Parr gave the following guidelines for the murals:

- Interactive in nature, allowing for photo opportunities to encourage promotion of our community.

- Design and implication are of a high level and excellence.
- Happy, uplifting, inspiring, and colorful.
- Absent of any political, social statements, or influences.
- When possible, it will represent a pro-Belleville message.
- Universal appeal with well-trafficked locations are a priority.

Mr. Parr then explained the Mural Project is asking for Downtown Development and Redevelopments Committee support and gave a brief overview of their current budget.

Mayor Eckert discussed his support with strict guidelines. He also offered suggestions to the committee such as taking the presentation to other groups who are currently in place with the mission to lift the City and bring more commerce such as Art on the Square, Tour de Belleville and The Chamber of Commerce.

A motion to fund \$3,000 to the Belleville Community Mural Project was made by Geri Boyer. It was seconded by Amanda Schlecht. All present members voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Eckert excused himself from the meeting due to another commitment.

2. Downtown Special Services Area Assistance Applications:

A) Reconsider – Steven McGuire: 116-120 W Main Street

Eric Schauster, Economic Development, Planning & Zoning Department Asst. Director placed a phone call to Steve McGuire. Mr. McGuire is asking for reconsideration of his application for assistance to replace all common area carpeting, painting, new landscape, cement work, new thermostats, lighting, cameras and security improvements at 116-120 West Main. Chairman Kinsella explained the committee has taken the direction to fund facades. Mr. McGuire then terminated the phone call.

A motion to deny the application was made by Amanda Schecht. It was seconded by Geri Boyer. All present members voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to discuss, Chairman Kinsella asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by Amanda Schlecht. It was seconded by Steve Hemmer. With all present members voting in the affirmative. Motion carried. 6-0.

Chairman Kinsella adjourned the meeting at 5:02p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Toenjes, Secretary
Economic Development, Planning, & Zoning Department

Ken Kinsella, Alderman Ward 1, Chairman