

CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(DDRC) MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 2016 4:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mayor Mark Eckert	Present
Alderman Ken Kinsella, Chairman	Present
Jeff Renner	Excused
Geri Boyer	Absent
Michael Nester	Present
Steve Hemmer	Present
Chuck Blanquart	Present
John Conkright	Absent

STAFF:

Annissa McCaskill, Director of Economic Development, Planning & Zoning Department
Tim Gregowicz, City Engineer
Eric Schauster, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Planning & Zoning Department

GUESTS:

Jason Keck, Tim Daley, Michael Hagberg

The meeting of the Downtown Development/Redevelopment Committee (DDRC) was held at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall.

Chairman Kinsella called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and explained the emergency procedures.

Chairman Kinsella asked if there were any corrections to be noted for the April 25, 2016 meeting minutes. Chairman Kinsella noted a correction under *Old Business* stating it should read, "Amend previous minutes to read..."

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Tim Daley spoke on the outside televisions placed at Tavern on Main Restaurant. He spoke on the emails he has sent City staff and DDRC members regarding this issue. He asked if there were restrictions or regulations on installing televisions. He referred to the City sign code. He also spoke on an ordinance regarding removing the downtown tables and chairs each evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on establishing criteria and guidelines for the budget regarding reimbursement request outside of the TIF district.

Mr. Schauster presented the Business Assistance Program packet and application. A discussion followed and the Committee agreed to recommend any changes, if needed, to be discussed at a future meeting.

2. Discussion on budget.

There was a discussion to donate \$500.00 to the Gingerbread House contest and put \$2,800.00 for Marketing. A discussion was held on other donations requested for the next year's budget. The committee will "consider" the budget at the next meeting.

3. Discussion on proposed ordinance adjustments to the following topics; outside dining and televisions, and ADA requirements on outdoor seating.

Mayor Eckert stated that the City has started the Recodification process which will update the City's current City Code. He discussed the original restrictions on the downtown outdoor dining ordinance and the recommendations of change being made to the ordinance, if needed. He asked that any recommendations that the public would like to make should be sent to Alderman Wigginton, Chairman of Ordinance & Legal Review.

Mayor Eckert stated that the City is staying within ADA requirements.

Mayor Eckert spoke on safety concerns with outside seating and tables. City staff will discuss further regulations soon.

Steve Hemmer recommended that visible lines be placed where chairs and tables can be placed on the sidewalks in front of restaurants. He also spoke on the televisions facing the sidewalk, the Mayor stated that the televisions at Tavern on Main do not have the sound turned up, a discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Hemmer. It was seconded by Chuck Blanquart. With all present members voting in the affirmative. Motion carried. 5-0.

Chairman Kinsella adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari L. Tutza
Economic Development, Planning & Zoning Department