

Minutes
Downtown Business Improvement District Advisory Board
Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Kate Narrow (Danenberg Jewelers), Darrin Miller (Iron Clad Coworking), Dan Crouch (BBN), Angie Stokes (MBI, Inc.), Emily Koenig (Architect One), Jeff Sutton (Manhattan Town Center), Scott Augustine (AMC Theater)

City: Wes Garrison (Assistant City Attorney), Ami Albert

DMI: Gina Scroggs, Brooksie McCarty

Jeff Sutton called the meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. with introductions.

September 2019 Minutes: Dan moved to accept, Kate seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DBID Billing Update:

- Ami shared the 2019 DBID monthly financial statement.
- Bills were in the mail on January 7/8. We have had a few appeal requests already, a few returned bills. Ami mailed the bills to both physical and mailing addresses this year. \$84,848.59 was the total initially billed.
- One InTouch message has already been sent to the listserv. The signup information will be also be included on the DMI postcard.
- We discussed the current appeals and reasons for them. Brooksie and Gina will be more involved in the appeal approvals.
- Late fees will be assessed on March 3. Late payments are due April 1.
- Ami covered the affidavit and court process as well.
- DMI will be sending out two postcard reminders this year in order to bring the earlier appeal date and the late fee to everyone's attention.

Discussion of DBID Advisory Board members: We have one interest form for the advisory board. A few other names were mentioned including Melanie from Celebrations and Solange from Eagle.

Roundtable Updates:

- PLAY MHK will be April 25! It's a movement and activity based event that will include an adventure race, a 10K and lots of free events. There will be something for everyone!
- The Taste of Downtown event will be in the third week of June instead of the first week this year, to help promote the next mural going up in downtown.
- DMI is working with the Kansas Arts Commission to bring more art downtown. The public art sculptures will also be installed this summer all along 3rd Street.
- The breast cancer 5K will be on October 17 now. We hope to rebrand it.

- Third Thursdays will continue to be from May through September. It may or may not include alcohol depending on how the ordinance changes proceed.
- DMI is also working to create a process for usage of the public right of way.
- We discussed the smoking and vaping ordinance changes and how they affect downtown.
- AMC: 2019 was up from 2018 but 2020 is supposed to be down. Hopefully more original content will be coming out with fewer sequels and remakes.
- BBN: Lots of work outside of town, hoping to bring the mall plaza back into focus.
- Danenburg: They're looking to update their interior in the future and are excited to have an updated website.
- MBI, Inc.: Their building has had a few updates! Ash's Lashes is doing well but there will be a vacancy in the building this year.
- Iron Clad: Fifty businesses are now coworking members! Iron Clad will be celebrating their three year anniversary soon.
- Architect One: There are now four people in the Manhattan office, with lots of combined experience.
- Manhattan Town Center: The mall sidewalk sale is next week. The community fair is in February. Journey's is renovating their space this week. Riddle's is also renovating. Bandit Coffee will also stay in the mall and will be featuring a new menu.

Dan motioned for adjournment, Angie seconded. Adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.