

Design Committee Meeting Summary

Meeting held at Roots and River Yoga

18 June 2019

Present: Wayne Allgaier, Jean Doyle, Machel Lee, Sue Blair, Diane Ellis.

Pocket Park: Project has been completed. Some interest has been expressed in creating steps and/or a ramp for easier access into the park. There was general consensus that we do not want to tackle that at this time with other projects needing our attention.

Downtown flower planters. All planters have been assigned to specific persons to keep them watered this summer. This seems to be working out okay for now.

Community Legacy Grant for façade and interior improvements. Sophie is sending letter to downtown business and property owners this week, inviting them to take advantage of this grant. Deadline for submitting applications is in 6 weeks, at which time the Design Committee will review them and make recommendations to the Board.

Window Displays. Long-range plan: mixture of historic pictures and images of “imagine what could be in this space.” Tammi Funk is a local commercial graphic designer who would like to contribute to our efforts, and has told Sue that she would offer her services for free. Jean will get estimates for 2’ x 3’ and 4’ x 6’ self-adherent pictures. Decision was made to start with Tom Jackson’s building, Newberry’s (former Karate place), and the west end of the Kaplon building. We will, of course, need consent from owners.

Entrance signs. The two signs designating Brunswick as a Main Street community – on the road coming in from Knoxville, and on the road coming in from Sheets – are missing. (The one by Galyn Manor is still there.). Wayne will try to track these down, and if one is found, we would like to see if we can have it placed under the “Welcome” sign on Petersville Road (closer to the Main Street district than the original locations). Bill Hopwood has had a beautiful “Welcome to Historic Brunswick” sign constructed on the west end of town.

Downtown Vision. Sophie is facilitating the coordination of efforts by different groups who are interested in the revitalization of downtown – the City’s Downtown Historic Preservation and Revitalization Committee, the EDC, GBACC, Main Street’s Design Committee, Planning and Zoning – and will start by having a meeting of interested parties to review the Small Area Plan as the basis for recommended improvements.

6-Year Strategic Plan. Projects for the remainder of 2019:

- Start window display project (see above). This will be expanded into next year.

- Minor improvements in Square Corner Park, including a makeover of the triangular sign (Sue and Mabelle are working with Sophie on this). Note: Larger projects will have to wait until after the remediation of the tunnel under the park.
- Administration of the CLG Façade and Interior Improvement grant.
- Maintain sidewalk planters.
- Work with other groups in developing a long-term vision for the downtown.

Plans for 2020 and years beyond will be discussed at our next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 16, 3:30 pm, at Towpath Creamery.

Submitted by Wayne Allgaier, Chair