

Design Committee Meeting Summary

Meeting held at Main Street Office

15 October 2019

Present: Wayne Allgaier (Chair), Sue Blair, Diane Ellis, Mabelle Lee, Sophie Smith (Main Street Manager), and Melissa Allgaier (new intern with Brunswick Main Street). **Absent:** Jean Doyle.

Downtown Planters

- Mabelle and Sue have replanted all planters downtown with fall plants.
- Mabelle will oversee watering of these planters, encouraging business owners to be responsible for watering the planters in front of their businesses.
- Mabelle will drain water from all planters after the fall plantings have died and before the first freeze. Drain plugs will be left off during the winter (she will store them) to allow drainage from possible rainfall or snow. Planters will be left in place, as they were last year.
- We will work with Sophie in applying for a grant to obtain more self-watering planters to replace deteriorating wooden barrels and to acquire planters for additional locations.
- Current funds for future plantings: \$71 + RR Days contributions.

Frederick County Main Street Art Project

- Artist Parran Collery has been chosen, and she has submitted preliminary designs.
- Contract between Artist and Brunswick Main Street is being drawn up.
- Installation is to be complete by August 2020.
- Artist will be responsible for creating, installing, and maintaining the art piece. She will also be responsible for removing it at the end of one year (or later, if mutually agreed upon by the Artist and Brunswick Main Street), at which time it will become her property to keep or to sell.

Community Legacy Grant

- All 7 applicants have accepted and seem pleased with the grants offered to them.
- Most (but not all) applications have received approval by MHT and DHCD.
- Sophie will proceed with sending contracts to those who have been approved.
- This year's emphasis was on grants that would preserve/create occupiable space downtown. Next year we may want to consider shifting the emphasis.

Downtown Preservation and Revitalization Committee met in joint session last night with Design Committee members. Sophie was also present. Discussion centered around the PRC's draft of Design Guidelines for the downtown. Several minor issues were addressed. Once the document has been revised, it will be posted on the internet for the public to review.

Downtown Historic Pictures and "Imagine" Pictures

- Generally well-received by the public.
- Sophie will make placards for those pictures for which this was not done.
- Last year's pictures need to be assessed to see which ones need to be removed due to deterioration (if we can get access to the buildings where they are hanging inside).
- Diane will check with BB at the Corner Store to see about painting picture frames on one of her windows, in which public notices can be posted.

Possible Future Projects

- Spring Cleanup Day. Mabelle has been asked (but as of yet, has not accepted) to head a special committee to implement initiatives of "Keep America Beautiful" and "Clean and Green." This will include maintaining the sidewalks downtown (weeding, power washing).
- Gateway signage. Wayne will contact SHA about installing a sign on Petersville Road indicating that Brunswick is a certified Maryland Main Street city.
- Railroad Viewing Platform.
 - Deck railing needs to be cleaned. The committee decided that we will chose a day and do it ourselves.
 - Landscaping around the platform would be desirable.
- Martins Creek Parking Lot wall. Needs to be painted. Mural would be hidden by parked cars. Our recommendation: Paint it in a solid color, or two or three colors with a wave design, or something like flowers painted on a colored background.
- Former YMCA lot. Karin Birch is maintaining this on a volunteer basis at this time. The committee does not feel that we are able to add that to our task list right now.
- Square Corner Park.
 - Refreshing of mural at Square Corner Park, originally painted in 1996, fading. Possible sources of funding: grant, City participation.
 - Sue suggested addition of a wooden train, large enough for children to play on.
 - Triangular Information Sign is to be updated. Sue and Sophie are working on this.
 - Major projects will have to await construction of the new Martins Creek tunnel that goes under the park.
- NOTE: Each of these projects will require the following:
 - A work plan, approved by the Main Street Board.
 - Someone to be in charge of it.
 - A plan to finance it (grants, donations, city participation, etc.)

Submitted by Wayne Allgaier, Design Committee Chair