

Church Street Marketplace District Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 17, 2015

Commissioners present: Jeff Nick, Jed Davis, Eli Lesser-Goldsmith, Lorre Tucker, Lara Allen, Buddy Singh

CSM Staff present: Ron Redmond, Jenny Morse, Joanna Nagle

Guests: Gregg Myer (City Attorney), Martha Keenan (DPW), Ryan Mitofsky (Turning Point Center), Dan Bradley, Maureen Short (CSM Cart Vendor).

- I. COME TO ORDER
- II. AGENDA
- III. MINUTES
 - a. Motion to approve: Lara, Second – Eli
 - b. Minutes approved
- IV. PUBLIC FORUM
 - a. Ryan Metofsky of the Turning Point Center Board – looking for partnerships, looking for board members from businesses
- V. CHAIR'S REPORTS
 - a. Removal of awning at new David's Tea location and in front of City Sports location
 - i. Motion to give staff the power to make decisions regarding removal of awnings – Lorre Tucker
 - ii. Seconded- Buddy
 - iii. Motion passes
 - b. Update on VT Supreme Court case from City Attorney Gregg Myer
 - i. Challenge to trespass ordinance was dismissed due to lack of standing, case was appealed to the Supreme Court. Court is frustrated there is a lack of standing, City has the right to defend its arguments, Ordinance Committee will be looking at revising the ordinance
 - c. Jeff Nick to encourage BBA's Downtown Action Group to approach the Ordinance Committee regarding expanding the 9 foot right of way to the side streets
 - d. Commission Governance
 - i. Discussion on how to approach City Council in the future regarding appointing new Commissioners
 - ii. Suggestion to invite Councilors to future meeting or draft Memo to City Council asking for an explanation on Commission appointees. Jeff and Ron to meet with President Knodell.
 - e. Capital Improvements
 - i. Presentation of City-wide 10-year Capital Plan, Martha Keenan
 1. Presentation by Martha Keenan and discussion. Administration thinks its important for everyone to understand what the capital plan is all about

- ii. Update from Dan Bradley re: CSM's efforts to develop a parallel capital plan. (*City of Burlington cannot fund operations of street with city tax dollars; is limited by the types of capital improvements it can fund. Thus, CSMC will contract with Dan Bradley to assist in developing a plan for Burlington City Council.*)
 - 1. Types of capital Improvements: Brick repair, repair of electrical system, trees, benches, trash & recycling containers, lighting.
 - 2. Use Dan's expertise to resolve who owns the electrical system- BED or CSM?
 - 3. Future projects: Bank St Intersection, Repair Globes on City Hall Block, transition to backless benches as crime prevention tool, replace dead trees.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. CSM WiFi system update, Morse
- b. Update on Street Performer Rules & Regulations. Redmond, Morse
- c. "Marketplace Hero" presentation to Maureen Short, Marketplace Cart Vendor 1983-2015.

For the past 32 years, Maureen has inspired our community with her contagious warmth, enthusiasm, and boundless energy. As a founding member and leader of Church Street's cart vendor program, she has faithfully served on the Marketplace's License Committee, coaching and mentoring dozens of new business owners and conducting hundreds of cart inspections to insure Church Street's standards remain high. As a committed Church Street stakeholder, she has worked courageously and tirelessly to keep Church Street safe, clean and fun, for all to enjoy. Church Street is a better place today, thanks to you!

- i. Comments from Maureen: Biggest challenges for cart vendors – panhandlers and loitering. Societal problem – panhandlers are in major cities. Has lots of compassion for panhandlers, but says not appropriate to have them there
- d. Request from CSM Licensing Committee to approve transfer of cart license, from "Wear it Well" Retail Cart owned by Maureen Short, Mall Block to "The Snail Shop", new Retail Cart, owned by Abigail Lucia.
 - i. Motion Lara, Seconded Jed, Motion passes

VII. MERCHANT & MARKETING

- a. Food Cart Wednesdays, July
- b. Art Wednesdays, August – partner is Frog Hollow
- c. Merchant Committees for: Halloween, Holiday Enhancements in 2015, Easter 2016
- d. VPR underwriting begins July, 2015

VIII. ADJOURN