



**City of Auburn Downtown Development Authority
And**

Main Street Board of Directors

Meeting

May 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Via Zoom



Members: Bel Outwater, Chair
Tina Parks, Vice-Chair
Amy Holstein, Secretary

Bob Konst
Mary Grace Vogel
Jared Swift

Attendance: Bel, Bob, Mary Grace, Tina, Amy. Also in attendance were Jay Miller, Josh Campbell, Chitra Subbarayan, Dave Schmit, Jack Wilson, and Alex Mitchem.

Open Meeting by Chair

- 6:01 pm by Bel

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion to approve minutes from March 12, 2020 meeting by Tina. Seconded by Mary Grace. Approved.**

Downtown/Main Street Report

- A. Financial Statement – as of April 30, account status is \$9052.15. Bob raised the question of Whistlestop rent, as the shops had to be shut down to the state emergency order. Everyone is current through March. Jack Wilson, attorney for the City of Auburn, stated that as a public authority of the city, there's a provision in state law that prohibits the DDA from giving away public assets or funds. This doesn't mean that we can't negotiate with tenants and try to make some kind of arrangements with them but we have to be careful about how we do it and make sure that it is in a way that's lawful and not what state law would prohibit as a gratuity or giveaway. His advice was to stay away from suspending or waiving rent. Shops will be reopening after June 1st.

Motion to amend Executive Session agenda to include discussion on Whistlestop lease rent/potential litigation – Bob. Seconded by Tina. Motion carries.

- B. Lamar Lease Agreement – letter from Lamar asking that their rental fee be split into 12 monthly payments rather than an annual lump sum. We have to respond.
Motion to approve request from Lamar to change payment schedule to monthly payments – Tina. 2nd – Mary Grace. Motion carries.
- C. Town Center/City Hall update – Dave Schmit walked us through the current plans.
- D. Façade Grant – Chuck Brank. He is suspending his request so that funds may be directed elsewhere.

Motion to Move into Executive Session – Mary Grace. 2nd – Tina. Approved.

Executive Session:

- 1) Land Acquisition – no action taken.
- 2) Potential litigation – no action taken.

Motion to adjourn – Bob. 2nd – Tina. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Next meeting: June 11, 2020.

Respectfully submitted 6/11/2020

Attest

Bel Outwater
Chair

Tina Parks
Vice-Chair