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ADA/BID Board Joint Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2023 @ noon at The Workshop

Present: Olaf, Spencer, Joe, Scott, Patricia, Victoria, Kelli, Molly, Sarah, Lee, Sam Absent: Lee, Mike

I. Welcome/Call to Order

a. President Kelli called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

II. October Minutes

- a. President Kelli presented the October minutes as prepared by Victoria.
- b. Motion by Joe "To accept the October minutes as presented", seconded by Olaf. With no further discussion, President Kelli called for a vote, all present voted "Aye". Motion carried.
- c. We still need to approve the August minutes at our next meeting, as the wrong minutes were printed wrong at the previous meeting.

III. Financial Review

- **a.** Patricia gave a financial update.
 - i. Noted 2024 promotional funds will increase by \$15k to \$95k.
- **b.** Patricia presented a financial review for the November financials.
 - i. Motion by Scott "To approve financials as presented", seconded by Joe. With no further discussion, President Kelli called for a vote, all present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

IV. New Business

- a. 2024 Executive Board
 - i. President Kelli suggested we vote in new Executive Board positions/officers for 2024. Kelli terms out this month; Spencer can serve one more year as past president.
 - ii. Motion by Scott "To move Olaf to President, Patricia to Vice President, Victoria to Treasurer, and Sarah to Secretary," seconded by Molly. With no further discussion, President Kelli called for a vote, all present voted "Aye". Motion carried.
- V. Executive Director Update

VI. Committee Updates

- **a.** Two-Way Main Street:
 - i. The city manager has been talking with the DOT and has said he hopes to break ground on this project on the next two years.

b. Dog Park:

- i. Aberdeen Insider feature.
- **ii.** Swag ideas were shared in preparation for a public campaign.
- **iii.** Progress continues with good meetings between the executive board and city officials. A memorandum of understanding is being written.

c. Finance:

i. Same and Olaf have been reviewing the RLF, exploring options and trying to simplify the application process will identifying the benefits.

VII. Beautification Projects

a. Illuminate Aberdeen Downtown

i. Knight & Community Foundations confirmed a \$10k grant, while also verbally committed from private investors.

VIII. 2024 Planning

- a. 2023 Organizational Strategy Plan Check In and Presentation
 - i. Alexa highlighted the progress made from Dec. 2022 to Dec. 2023. Of note:
 - **1.** In 2024, we plan to focus more efforts on the 20+ age group as our target audience.
 - **2.** We have strengthened our partnership with 605 magazine and will begin assisting we distribution in exchange for free articles featuring our members.
 - **3.** Several accomplishments, but most notably, the ADA repaired relationships and inspired civic pride in downtown.
- **b.** Knight Foundation Partnership 2024 Winter Placemaking Project Ideas
 - i. The Knight Foundation has allocated another \$10k for these projects.
 - **ii.** Several ideas were presented with the goal of getting more people downtown in January/February.
 - **1.** Alexa will get a quote from Pauer Sound for music speakers and may discuss additional potential sponsorships.

IX. Events and schedules

a. Dates set for 2024.

X. Adjournment

a. Vice President Olaf declared the BID and ADA boards adjourned at 1:23 p.m.