

Crossroads Special Business District Advisory Commission
MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 14, 2016
LOCATION: City Hall
CALLED TO ORDER: 8:07 AM
MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:43 AM
NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 11, 2016

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Bob Springer, Chair	X	
Heidi Butts-Wiegand	X	
Christi Johanningmeyer	X	
Kay Ramsey	X	
Joshua Tonnies		X
Kelly Ruesing	X	
Vacancy		
Bud Bellomo, Council Liaison	X	
Mara Perry, Staff Liaison	X	

Also in attendance:

Ken Rimmel – Big Bend Railroad Club
Fran Sudekum – Administrative Support

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the June minutes was made by Kay Ramsey, seconded by Kelly Ruesing, unanimously approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS

Ken Rimmel, Big Bend Railroad Club, stated during the 4th of July fireworks watching in the area around the station, several cars parked too close to the tracks. The Club is considering putting up orange temporary fencing next year to help address this safety concern.

4TH OF JULY FEEDBACK

- Parade watchers were packed in the District.
- No incidents on the parking lots during the fireworks watching; less trash this year.
- Police officers walking around the area during the fireworks helped keep incidents down, people off the tracks, and traffic open.
- The new locations of the porta-potties worked well; 2 at the parking lot and 2 at the train station.

STREETSCAPE PROJECT UPDATE

No update; will have Lee Cannon of the CBB come to the August meeting and line out next steps and future meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Curb Update – WG Public Works Department is working on a schedule to complete the curb repairs.

Mailbox Update – Mara Perry has a new contact at the post office thru the new ice cream stamp promotion at Serendipity that hopefully will help with changing the location of the mailbox.

Employee Parking – Employee parking is still an issue. Employees from Bob Hill's building, Jeff Sander's building, and the Art of Entertaining are still parking in the Big Bend "northwest" public parking lot and leaving no spots available for customer and client use. By 8:00 AM, the public lot is full of employees that are parked there for 8 hours. The Alma lot is almost always empty.

Trash – Trash and recycle containers in the District are being used as a "dump site" for such things as countertops, desks, etc. Many items are being dumped overnight. These items are not picked up by the contracted commercial haulers and are left sitting on the side of the containers.

Let's Talk Trash & Parking – To address the ongoing trash and parking concerns, several Commission members thought they would initiate a meeting on their own with business owners and landlords in the District.

NEW BUSINESS

- Two Adirondack chairs in the back of Studio Rue were stolen overnight July 13/14.
- Christi Johanningmeyer along with Digital Strike would like to pursue the District hosting a classic car show and was curious what that entailed. Mara shared the aspects of the special activities permit, giving examples of how events have run in Old Webster and Old Orchard.

CITY UPDATE

- Jimmy Johns is open in Yorkshire Plaza.
- A new day care facility located in the Masonic Lodge has been approved.
- A used car lot on Watson has been approved.
- The land distribution permits for Webster University and Great Circle have been released.
- Approximately twelve new residential houses are under construction.

ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 AM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 8:00 AM – City Hall.