



CITY OF DOVER

McCONNELL CENTER ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820
Cafeteria
Meeting Date: Monday, September 27, 2021
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Steve Pruyne called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: DENYSE ANDERSON, HADLEY HUDSON, STEVE PRUYNE (CHAIR), CORA QUISUMBING-KING, GARY BANNON, ADMINISTRATOR

MEMBERS ABSENT: RICHARD FERRARO, MARCIA GASSES (CITY COUNCIL LIAISON), JUAN MOJICA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DENYSE ANDERSON MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE JULY 26, 2021 MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY CORA QUISUMBING- KING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITIZENS FORUM:

NO ONE CHOSE TO SPEAK

REPORTS:

STAFF REPORT: GARY BANNON

- IT WAS A GOOD SUMMER AND HAD A FAIR AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC/ACTIVITY.
- BUILDING WAS NOT USED OFTEN AS A COOLING CENTER.
- HAVING ISSUES WITH HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AROUND THE BUILDING AND A COUPLE TIMES OF ACTUAL CAMPING OUT NEAR THE DOORS.
- THERE WAS AN EPISODE OF VANDALISM AT THE VETERANS PARK AND SOME OF THE BRICKS WERE DAMAGED AND WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED.
- THE 9/11 CEREMONY AT VETERANS PARK WENT WELL.
- APPLE HARVEST DAY WILL BE HAPPENING THIS YEAR BUT ONLY THE ROAD RACE IS NEARBY.
- WE WILL BE BEGINNING THE 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS SOON.

TENANTS COLLABORATIVE: GARY BANNON

- BACK TO MEETING MONTHLY IN PERSON

FINANCIAL REPORTS: GARY BANNON

- YEAR TO DATE AUGUST 31, 2021 IS AT \$76,909 IN THE BLACK. WE SHOULD BE \$300,000 IN BLACK BY END OF FISCAL YEAR TO COVER DEBT SERVICE.

OLD BUSINESS:

FOOD SERVICE PROVIDER STATUS: GARY BANNON

- MEZZANINE CATERING HAS MOVED IN AND OPERATING CATERING BUSINESS. THEY ARE WORKING ON OPENING CAFÉ SIDE OF BUSINESS; MORE FRESH PRE-PREPARED ITEMS. THEY ARE ANTICIPATING AN OCTOBER 25, 2021 OPENING DATE.



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NEW TENANT STATUS: GARY BANNON

- FIRST PUSH SYNDICATE IS IN ROOM 220 AND TEACHING ALTERNATIVE SPORTS.
- COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS IS IN ROOM 221. THEY HAVE NOT MOVED IN YET BUT ARE PAYING RENT. THEY ARE CONTRACTED TO WORK WITH STATE AGENCIES.

NEW BUSINESS

FALL TRAFFIC AND EVENTS: GARY BANNON

- HOSTING OUTSIDE EVENTS AGAIN AND WILL HAVE MORE PEOPLE IN THE BUILDING.
- SIGN UPS STARTING FOR BASKETBALL.

COVID RELATED PLANNING DISCUSSION: GARY BANNON

- WE ARE LOOKING AHEAD TO SEE HOW WE WILL HANDLE SPREAD RATES, AGE, VACCINATIONS.
- **WE HAVE SOME SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS THAT WE ARE REQUIRING FOLLOW THE SCHOOL** Board recommendations requiring masks. We are no longer under a State of Emergency so each tenant or sports group is making their own mask determination.

Working with the Library to get bids to repair the woodwork around the 1904 section of the building.

ADJOURN:

Cora Quisumbing-King motioned to adjourn; Seconded by Denyse Anderson.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.