

Hapeville Main Street Board of Directors Meeting
April 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm
Teleconference: 1-646-558-8656; Meeting ID 995848875#

Present: Charlotte Rentz, Lorenné Fey, Susan Bailey, David Burt, Melanie Rabb, Derrick Booker, Lee Duke, and Bianca Howard (City Staff)

Absent: Michael Gibbs and Ellen Free

Guests: Nikki Foxx, Adrienne Senter (City Staff), Tim Young (City Staff), Priya Patel (City Legal Representative), and Lajuana Ransaw (City Legal Representative)

Call to Order

- Charlotte Rentz called the meeting to order at 6:04PM and welcomed all Board members and City Staff.

Roll Call

- Due to teleconference, Charlotte Rentz conducted a roll call of all attendees.

Guest Welcome/Public Comments

- Charlotte Rentz asked guests to introduce themselves to the Board.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Susan Bailey to approve March 11, 2020, minutes. Lee Duke seconded and all approved.

Approval of Financial Statement

- A motion was made by Susan Bailey and seconded by David Burt to approve the Financial Statement for the period ending March 31, 2020, pending the statement showing no charge under “Supplies”.

Old Business

- Project Reports/2020 Workplan –
 - Discussion about Main Street and Local Business Partnerships – David Burt motioned to approve charge of Legal Department to Main Street for this discussion. Lee Duke seconded the motion and all approved. Lorenné Fey provided standard rental rates for the Academy Theatre. Susan Bailey expressed concern about not being able to use the Academy Theatre for Main Street events due to the City’s legal restrictions about paying a Board member, directly or indirectly, for their services. Attorney Lajuana Ransaw informed the Board that Hapeville’s charter restricts compensation for the Board and/or Public Officials. Lajuana Ransaw also confirmed that Department of Community Affairs agree

that compensation should not be made to Board members to prevent any type of conflict of interest. Lajuana Ransaw said if there is not a direct compensation from the rental rates to the Board member then programs can be held at the Academy Theatre. Ms. Ransaw also said she would be very careful with making such decisions that will directly or indirectly pay Board members and reminded the Board that such Board members must inform everyone of potential conflict and then abstain from the discussion and vote. Susan Bailey requested Lajuana Ransaw provide written parameters for the Board to review when necessary. Ms. Ransaw stated that if the Board can prove that a Board member was not directly or indirectly compensated for their services then the Board can move forward with decisions; however, if the Board/City is audited and it appears that there is a misappropriation of funds or an advantage to a Board member could be challenged. Charlotte Rentz wanted to clarify that once the decision has been made about event locations, the Board could talk to said Board member to solidify logistics. Ms. Ransaw stated the conflict of interest is based around compensation and does not affect logistics. David Burt requested someone from DCA join a teleconference to explain their stance on this matter. Ms. Ransaw will send a correspondence to the Board showing the parameters of the City's charter for Conflict of Interest.

- Guerilla Marketing – Nikki Foxx asked about moving forward with confirming artists and paying them. David Burt suggested moving forward with the project which will give the Board an advantage once businesses are open again. Susan Bailey motioned to continue with this project as planned and Lee Duke seconded the motion. All approved. Nikki Foxx will send an email with prospective artists and if needed, David Burt suggested a Zoom meeting to vote on exact artists.
- Gallery Crawl – David Burt said that April's Gallery Crawl is cancelled because of COVID-19. The month of May could be cancelled as well. David Burt will call CatEye, the art curator, to push back Gallery Crawl dates to July and will report back. Charlotte Rentz asked Bianca Howard about carrying funds from this Fiscal Year to the next.
- Western Day – will be rescheduled. Lorene Fey will come back with new dates.
- Preservation Month Activity – Michael sent pictures of the historic buildings. David Burt suggested creating the coloring sheet and spreading it throughout Social Media for the time being.
- Business Forum – Bianca Howard will check with Michael Gibbs to get the status of the May Business Forum.
- Free Art Boxes – David Burt mentioned creating free art boxes during this time to give something for people to do. Nikki Foxx and David Burt will work together and come back to the Board.
- Bylaws – The Board will word the requirements for the Bylaws (Article II, Section 2) to read as: New Board members must be an owner of employee of a business located in the Main Street District or a resident of Hapeville who has lived in the City for at least the prior six months.

Public Comments

- No Public Comments

New Business

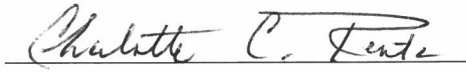
- No New Business

Announcements

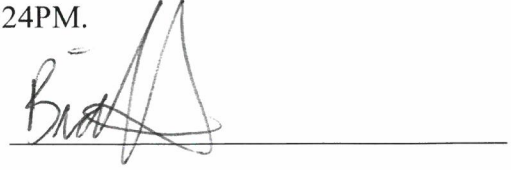
- No Announcements

Adjourn

- A motion was made by Susan Bailey and seconded by Lee Duke to adjourn the meeting. Charlotte Rentz adjourned the meeting at 7:24PM.

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Charlotte C. Rentz, President

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Secretary

