

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD

Work Session

August 11, 2021

9 AM

Attendance:

- Jerry Michael, Brandon Devito, Kathy Steinbrueck, Jess Ackerson
- Also Attending: Village Staff: Jamie Konkoski and Cassandra Hopkins; Ex Officio: Kelly Brunette

1. Review Letters of Interest

Two two candidates submitted letters of interest. DAB will recommend that both be appointed by the village board. Jamie to reach out to schedule orientations. Additional letters of interest will be accepted on a rolling basis, with board members doing additional outreach and Cassandra to post on social media.

2. MOTG Update

Kelly gave an update on this season and potential ideas for next season.

3. WiFi Update

Still no sign of free WiFi in any parks other than Riverside Park. Kelly to follow-up with John.

4. DRI Update

Kelly and Jerry gave an update on where each of the DRI projects is in the design phases and some recently decided changes such as the Ward Plumadore Park layout. For the Pontiac parking lot, the board mentioned defining an entrance more clearly.

5. Downtown Happenings Update

Jerry asked board members to share anything they know about updates to downtown. CJ (not present) sent a message with details that the Adirondack Center for Writing will move into the old Loon Center building, 15 Broadway, on August 15th.

6. Walk & Talk (Berkeley Green to Ward Plumadore Park)

The board discussed the potential plans for the public bathrooms in the Pontiac Lot, and how it will affect other aspects of the parking lot such as new bicycle parking/racks. The board inquired about how to bring attention to the need for a new paint job on the Broadway bridge, which is maintained by the county. The board confirmed that the banner schedule is set for the downtown streetlight banners. The board discussed the potential design for the intersection of Broadway and Bloomingdale Ave., with the addition of street trees and the potential need for landscape easements on each corner on the Bloomingdale Ave. side.

Potential Projects:

1. DRI Suggestions: paint above ground transformers along Woodruff Street, clearly delineate an entrance into the Pontiac Parking lot, create a small green space with a park bench at the Northeast corner of Broadway and Bloomingdale Ave.
2. Re-paint the Broadway bridge.
3. Seal and stripe parking lot next to Ward Plumadore Park