

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD
Work Session
September 8, 2021
9 AM

Attendance:

- Jerry Michael, Brandon Devito, Kathy Steinbrueck
- Also Attending: Village Staff: Cassandra Hopkins; Ex Officio: Kelly Brunette; Village Trustee: Rich Shapiro

1. Approve July & August Minutes
July 14, 2021 and August 11, 2021 DAB Workshop Minutes approved by Kathy Steinbrueck, seconded by Jerry Michael, all in favor, minutes approved.
2. New Members Update
After a brief discussion among DAB members and the other Village personnel in attendance, it was decided to create two separate resolutions for the next Village Board meeting and to continue to reach out and advertise for additional potential DAB members.
3. MOTG
Laura Cunningham, not present, sent an email detailing the successes of this summer's MOTG concert series and the direction for next year's concert series.
4. WiFi Update
Kelly Brunette will continue to look into this with the Village Manager and offer the assistance of DAB members if needed to ensure that free WiFi is installed in William Morris Park, Berkeley Green, and the Lake Colby Beach.
5. DRI Update
The DRI is in design-development phase. Jerry Michael recognized that a majority of the PAC's efforts/focus have been on the parks included in the DRI, and will take the suggestion to refocus on Woodruff St. and Church St. to the next meeting.
6. Downtown Happenings Update
The Saranac Lake Civic Center received a large donation and will continue fundraising to make upgrades to the facility.
Bitters and Bones received their brewing tanks.
Play ADK is still fundraising and will start in on design soon.
EDC Bakery may be opening in November, although renovations are still underway.
7. Walk & Talk (Ward Plumadore Park to Church/Woodruff St. Intersection)
The small park area on the corner of Bloomingdale Ave. and Church St. needs to be maintained, i.e., low tree limbs, missing street lights, cigarette butts. This parcel is owned by Walgreens, although its unclear if they maintain it. Potential space on the back side of the building for a mural. Along Woodruff St., the section in between Church St. and Broadway, the concept plan includes a rebuilt sidewalk on the north side and a two-way bike lane on the south side. Final plans are dependent on design and cost estimate for underground utilities from National Grid. The Board would like to continue the work session walk & talks in the future.

Outstanding Questions:

1. Who maintains the small park behind Walgreens? Can the lights get fixed, tree limbs trimmed, etc.?
2. Is there any potential to widen the sidewalk along Church Street or create a more distinctive bike lane?
3. Can the two small, recently planted trees in Ward Plumadore park be transplanted sooner rather than later, this fall or this spring?