

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Downtown Advisory Committee met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 5:30 pm via remote electronic meeting conducted by simultaneous communication via Zoom with Chair Szary presiding. Szary read the mission statement.

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Denis de St. Aubin Jr. at 5:44, Tim Booras, Loretta Kivett at 5:34, Richard Szary, Sam Testerman at 5:41, Cecil Wilson

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Wren Farrar, Bill Horner, Jason Hoyle

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Planning Director Jack Meadows, Permit Specialist Justin Bridges

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Wilson to approve the agenda, seconded by de St. Aubin Jr. & unanimously approved.

CONSENT

A motion was made by Wilson to approve the October 26, 2021 minutes, seconded by de St. Aubin Jr., & unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Parking Study
7 parking engineers gave Planning staff estimates ranging from \$15,000 to \$50,000. Planning noted that some of the engineers provide details for example. Planning recommended \$20 to \$25k and asked for feedback from the committee. The committee expressed that they thought it was important to do the study. The committee agreed that \$25k for a good firm was reasonable.
- b) Prioritize Recommendation List
No changes to the cost and no cost lists were recommended other than providing more detail to present to the Town Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Approve PowerPoint Presentation
It was suggested that some items don't really need a picture to go with it, for example, ongoing funding. Szary also spoke about trying to get the best pictures for things that had the most need. The presentation should be approximately 20 minutes. After some discussion, the committee approved the PowerPoint presentation.
- b) Approve 2022 Calendar
Meetings will be on Tuesdays, the third Tuesday of each month with the exception of Jan. 25th, which falls on a Town Board meeting night. The other exception would be the Town Board meeting that the DAC presents at in July and December. The committee agreed to cancel the July 19th meeting which is the day after the July presentation.

REPORTS

- a) Planner I
Planning has hired a new employee for the Planner I position. They will start on November the 29th.
- b) Downtown Façade and Building Rehabilitation Grant Funding

The façade grant applications are under contract and are being worked on. The building rehab has been released and planning is waiting for applications, none have been received yet. SCDO plans on reviewing any applications at the December meeting and considering any projects for funding.

c) Visual Assessment

The draft presentation from Naegelen contains 51 slides and was recently discussed between Szary and planning. This visual assessment was a recommendation from the Strategic Plan that was done earlier this year. Planning encouraged the committee to look through the slides and let us know if they have any suggestions for Naegelen.

d) Committee Roster

Hoyle, Kivett, and Szary will be ending their terms in June 2022.

e) Siler City Merchants Association

Chicken festival planning is underway. All downtown merchants get a free spot in front of their store on the street for the festival.

f) Siler City Development Organization

SCDO decided to not pursue non profit funding for next year.

g) Planning and Community Development Department

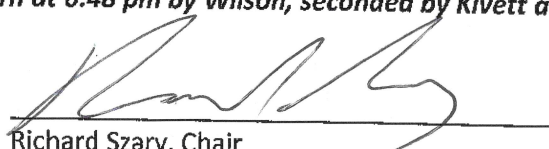
Update on 106 E. Raleigh St. where the roof collapsed: Planning is working with the owner who is having difficulties getting a demolition permit. No imminent threat of walls collapsing is there. Owner is actively working to fix things.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- a) Dec. 6, 2021 - Present to Town Board.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn at 6:48 pm by Wilson, seconded by Kivett and unanimously approved.


Richard Szary, Chair

ATTEST:


Jack Meadows, Planning Director