

DOWNTOWN PALATKA, INC.

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2014

Present: Marlene Lagasse, Susan Detar, Sam Deputy, Kathy Griffin, Jeremy Yates, Robbi Correa, Dean Ferris, Julia Diehl, Asst. Chief Griffith, Don Gooding, Christy Sanford, and Special Guests Mr. Michael Czymbor, and Mr. Charles Rudd.

Next meeting: February 24, 2014

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President, Marlene Lagasse. Julia Diehl from Strength in Movement was introduced.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Minutes were read by all, amendments suggested, then a motion was made, seconded and approved by all.

Treasurer's report was given by Susan Detar.

Welcome Center Manager's Report was given by Jeremy Yates.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A tentative date for the Taste of Downtown Palatka was announced for June 21st from 4-7:30PM. There was some discussion with a request by Charles Rudd to move it to June 28th during the Downtown Cruise-In. It was stated that up to 12 restaurants/food locations could participate. There was also a brief discussion on the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Due to the rise in costs associated with the parade, DPI will either have to find sponsors for the event or cancel it altogether. Asst. Chief Griffith estimated the cost and Mr Rudd suggested that Steamboat Willie's or Beef 'O' Brady's be contacted as sponsor(s).

Sam Deputy and Kathy Griffin gave updates on the 2014 Azalea Festival. There will be a 10 ride carnival for children located in the grassy lot across from Riverfront Square. Mr. Deputy was assured that the lot would be available for the festival's use. Michael Czymbor said that he would get in touch with the appropriate parties and make sure. However, Mr. Deputy stated that there is a second, back-up location. Finally, Mr. Deputy talked about the need for more vendors and sponsors. Mrs. Griffin passed around copies of the tee shirt design and order forms.

Mr. Czymbor, City of Palatka, gave a brief update on the current City Projects which included the riverfront and riverfront amphitheater, Riverfront Square, Wetlands Museum, and new hotel.

Mr. Rudd, Palatka Main Street, reflected on the Winter Wine Stroll. He said that approximately 152 tickets were sold, called the event a success, and thanked everyone involved. He also gave a brief update on upcoming events for Main Street including the February Street Party/Movie Night and Cruise-In. He also talked briefly about the Palatka Bicycle Festival in March. First Friday Coffee is scheduled for February 7th.

Asst. Chief Griffith gave a brief update. Christy Sanford talked about River Reflections, the need for more involvement of the City with St Johns River State College (and the Florida School of Arts specifically) and spoke on behalf of Create! for the Paint Out in April. There will be a vote at the next Executive Board meeting on whether DPI will fund a purchase award for the event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectively Submitted by
Jeremy Yates, Welcome Center Manager

Approved:

Date: 2/24/14