



CITY OF SPRING HILL TOWN CENTER TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2021 6:00 P.M
LOCATION: [VIRTUAL MEETING INVITE](#)

- I. Call meeting to order and TCTF announcements
Bill Benedict called the meeting to order at 6:07pm. Dennis Georgatos, Hazel Nieves, Bill Benedict, Rachel Bshero, Liz Droke, Matt Koss, Alderman John Caneparì present.
- II. Approve March Minutes
Rachel moved to approve March minutes, Hazel seconded. Minutes were approved.
- III. TCTF Beautification efforts for Downtown District
 - a. Discuss big picture items and continue to refine presentation:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10Q9Lv4DUzO2RIjprkPCioFOe9eED6UR-fC1xSPm8U_/edit?usp=sharing
 - i. Roundtable discussion building off March presentation
 - Recap of previous discussion:
 - Prefer more spacious walkways with colorful, attractive trees
 - Like the idea of permanent lighting – the ability to have banners,
 - Approach once we decide things that we like - If we recommend something it makes sense to get community feedback. Could be opportunity to help shape/define the UDC for this area with an amendment. – A lot of these elements are not in the current UDC.
 - When we put up banners for veterans in Town Center – how was that able to be done? Bill’s understanding is that those are city owned poles - and the banners in town center are in rough shape, there may be opportunity there.
 - We should work on tying together Historic Commission signage with the TCTF
 - Murals – would need to define what qualifies in UDC, we could partner with Historic Commission on creating criteria and approvals. Last time we met, we all got excited about murals that were both beautiful and represented the history of our town.
 - Non-permanent art
 - Buy a brick / commemorative benches– John Mentioned this would have to be lead by a non-profit because the city can’t raise money like that
 - Historic Overlay – work in progress, Bill will provide examples of what this has looked like in other areas / what it could look like
 - Liz – what if there was something on wayfinding we used an overlay by district (with something in common) on wayfinding signage to identify where they are
 - Pocket Parks: In researching pocket parks it looks like they can have a variety of elements – it can mean a variety of things – some are just green space with a bench, some have sculptures, fountains, more elaborate landscaping – I think it would be great for us all to get on the same



page when it comes to what we picture when we think of a pocket park for downtown – a lot of this will depend on the size of land we can use

ii. Review next steps/takeaways

- Liz: Where will funds for these items come from?
- Matt & Dennis: Would need to explain acquisition methodology & cost model/resources
- John: It looks like there might be low hanging fruit with sidewalks since there is money for that. I recommend the historic commission and TCTF get together with the city staff to make what we might want to do gets planned to be done – we could potentially have a success story with those this fiscal year. We want to make sure we're included in their design.
- We've been engaged with Missy & Tyler this whole time
- Hazel has been working with CIP on funding this whole time – we have an interim city administrator, shortage of staff, big storms, an election, where we have not been able to meet the way we want to meet and have been asked to hold on because other things were more pressing, but Hazel has been reassured we're in the wheel house to look for more funding
- We have been given documentation of challenges with James & Tyler so we have a better understanding of where we can start in terms of sidewalks
- Takeaways on presentation: consolidate trees/flower slides, add slides for where we want to start/what we want to do, entities within the city/community we're working with, results of a survey (previous & what we could do now), add in our vision/mission statement (towards the beginning) – placeholder slides have been added to the deck

IV. TCTF Downtown Sidewalk Project

i. General discussion on "Public Works Findings"

- Team reviewed summary doc from walk with Tyler & James.
- Hazel – we have several funds we are looking to secure ongoing, there is a grant we are looking at and what we can use it for, and that we are in the CIP list of projects as we go to budget.

ii. Discuss next steps

- Connect with Tyler on findings and his recommendations.
- Hazel: we should do everything we can to present to BOMA sooner than later. I don't think the presentation will be what gets us on CIP, but we will need to get BOMA to vote on what we want to do.

V. Downtown Historic District Project – Collaboration with Spring Hill Historic Commission

i. Update on projects

- Art project (Murals in the Downtown District)
- John: Calvin Abram is our new City Planner, he comes to us from Birmingham. He is in the midst of changing codes around murals and what goes into how Birmingham differentiated murals and signage and created a process for approvals on those. Liz volunteered to help John with this process.



- CLG (Historic zoning)
- Bill: Working with Historic Commission, there are benefits in the long term in historic zoning/site survey on the downtown and we are looking to present some of the next steps for that as it applies to the historic commission.

VI. Round Table Discussion

- John: the ABC barber shop might be demolished soon, if we would like to preserve something in way of art or history, if we want to preserve any of that we would need to soon.
- Bill: Budget is coming up, TCTF hasn't asked for a budget in the past and have secured funds other ways. Things like benches and banners and what we discussed, or consulting services is challenging without a budget. Hazel, John do you feel our Commission would be justified in asking for some sort of base budget in the upcoming year?
 - i. Hazel: is advocating for one and has a placeholder, she is also going after a grant which seems to be a possibility for us.
 - ii. Annual budgets for commissions aren't being approved as much – they're more for certain projects or items with deliverables.

VII. Public Comment(s)

VIII. Adjourn

Liz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm, Hazel seconded. Meeting was adjourned.