

# Beautification & Safety Committee

## Minutes August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 8:30AM

### Virtual Meeting

#### Call to Order

A Beautification & Safety committee meeting was held on August 17, 2021 via Zoom. It began at 8:32am and was presided over by Committee Chairs Katie Bevan and Barry Klus.

#### Attendees

Katie Bevan, Barry Klus, Michelle Trudeau, Abby Cook, Stephanie Booth and executive director Amber Livingstone.

1. Review action items from July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. Safety: Update on meeting with NB Police Services.  
The Board of Directors met with communications officer David Woolley from the NB Police Services discussing concerns about the activity Downtown. The group discussed crime, how Commissionaires could assist with moving people along and take a more active role (explore by-law aspect to their role). The meeting was raw, and that action is needed versus talking about the concerns. The labour shortage with NBPS has had a big impact. There are 2 multi-unit dwellings on Main East that are souring the area for residents and businesses. Abby shares that there is a new by-law with regards to derelict/abandoned buildings.
3. Safety: short term solutions (parking garage and Main East by Cheapskates)  
The Building Blocks group have identified the parking garage as an area that needs to be activated and be made for residents who park there to feel safe. Katie suggests adding public art and perhaps bike racks to the garage to have additional community use.  
Mornings 5am-7am have been identified as an active time of day.
4. Beautification: Holiday décor  
Katie shared photo of canopied lighting film company installed for production; idea to winter2021?  
Electrical outlets on lamp posts need to be check that they are operational. We could purchase the lights and put them up when the snowflakes are installed.  
Snowflakes – order more wiring harnesses for Ben H to test and rewire where needed. Tree topper lost some lighting tubes in last year's wind; they will need to be replaced.  
Decision to hire the winter decorators that we used last year. Suggestion to have DTNB purchase the necessary materials from CMC; order early and have decorators begin November 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Update on Building Blocks meeting  
The group is comprised of developers seeking to improve and develop the Downtown block by block.

6. Update on Healthy Communities Initiative (HCI) grant  
 Need to share the paving opportunity with Dave Dupuis. Michelle asks is there are there survey markers for the lot?

Next Meeting Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 8:30am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31am

**ACTION ITEMS**

Who	Action
Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look up local Bio-Hazard company to obtain information.</li> <li>• Contact Urban Blu in Quebec re: self-cleaning public washrooms</li> <li>• Find contact information for Terry Parolin; news member...and send him GCIP information.</li> <li>• Contact Trinity United Church re: how they solved their garden issue.</li> <li>• Include GCIP rack card in newsletter, bring cards around to members</li> <li>• Contact Bev Hillier re: re-bricking Main West pedestrian walkway</li> <li>• Follow up with David Woolley from NBPS: Anything else he would like for the Board to answer?</li> <li>• Look into new by-law for derelict/abandoned buildings</li> <li>• Can we find out who owns the building beside Cheapskates?</li> <li>• Alert Bev Hillier to jagged metal from lamp post on Main West, staircase concern on Main West. Weeds everywhere; some municipalities torch them. Request to have electrical outlets on lamp posts tested prior to installing winter décor.</li> <li>• Schedule separate Christmas Walk meeting for September.</li> <li>• Contact Dave Dupuis re: CHCI grant to pave parking lot on Main West.</li> </ul>
Katie	Secure Allison and Hannah to decorate for the winter season.