

Hartwell Downtown Development Authority
April 18, 2012
Minutes

Present: Alice Glenn, Earl Johnson, Terry Shugart, Peggy Vickery, Kathy Bryant, Nicki Meyer, Nancy Hardigree Pudge Smith, Henley Cleary, Karen Vahaly, Tammy Hutchinson, Gene Fraley, Tedi Fraley, Tia Athens.

Meeting was called to order at 12:12pm by Earl Johnson

Minutes: March minutes were approved as presented.

Treasures Report: Alice Glenn
Copy of Report Attached

Promotions: Henley Cleary

The Great Bunny Hunt: Henley gave a recap of the bunny hunt event on April 7th. The event was a joint venture with The Arts Center and the Chamber of Commerce

Dancin' on Depot: June 29th – Tenneco is the main sponsor for this years event with a \$5000 sponsorship and Downtown Café has sponsored for \$1000.

Still Cruzin' will be this years band and Gatis Pro Audio will provide stage and sound again.

First Saturdays: Karen provided information that will be given to the merchants for gift bag participation. She presented the banner and lamp post signage designs. Bill Pratt will provide DJ services and the marina will sponsor the movies. The sponsors for this year are: The Hart County Chamber, Exit Landmark Realty, Coldwell Banker/Fort Realty, Tractor Supply, Skelton-Morris Associates and PharmaTech.

Design: Nancy Hardigree

Façade Grant Committee: Nancy gave an update on the façade grant committee training

Pure Oil Station/ Candler Linder House: Michael has spoken to a Georgia State Student who may use one of the buildings as a class project.

Downtown Walking Tour: Michael is working with the committee to close out the grant and order signage for the buildings on the tour.

Economic Restructuring: Gene Fraley / Tedi Fraley

Assist with City Hall Opening: The DDA has offered to assist the City with the official opening of the new City Hall. The committee will work with the David Aldrich, City Mgr. in planning the event.

New Business Updates: Michael reported that the music store has opened on S. Forest Ave and the Cahoots Gallery will open, in time for the Antiques Boat Show, on Depot St.

Organization: Peggy Vickery, Alice Glenn

Board Training: DDA Board training is scheduled for May 18 at the Hart County Library meeting room. The training will be facilitated by Connie Tabor, with the City of Toccoa, and Chip Wright, with GA Mountains Region Commission. The training will be open to all of our board and those of surrounding communities.

Executive Board Reappointment: Terry Shugart will be recommended to the city for reappointment to the board for a new 4 year term.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm