

Bristol CORE meeting
6/10/2021

In attendance

Taylor Welch, Rob Carter (ACCOC), Ian Albinson, Valerie Capels

Call to order 8:36

A. Bristol Harvest Festival

- Update from Rob Carter
- **moving forward, have most of musicians confirmed. Depending on new updates from the state Rob is planning to resubmit proposal to selectboard to cut the rope form the parameter but keep vendors the same. Make it a little more open but still restricted.**
- **Rob really wants the local merchants to have a sidewalk sale on day of HF to engage local merchants.**
- **Time to bring back Coffee and Conversation in the Park for local business folks. Rob can come to one of the C&C meetings to get input from business folks and bring in business folks.**
- CORE is going to bring back C&C for June 25th. Rob will send email letting businesses know about the HF and asking**

Current Business

1. Executive Director Search

- Update from Alicia
- Taylor gave update about new ED and the excitement about the finalist candidate.
- Meridith is going to check references
- Discussed planning for voting day and anticipation for asking for increase in budget
- Gave the OK to Meridith if she only received call backs form 2 of the 3 references.

2. June Promos

- Status update
- Sarah is working on the schools out summer's in giveaway. The spring giveaway went well, Ian sent 100 bristol Bucks to all folks who handed in spring cards (5 people)
- need to look at budget and figure out plans for Sarah once new ED begins.

3. Main Street Flower Baskets

- a little dry on the interior, discussion about how much they need to be watered. The flowers have afids, discussions about how to address the little bugs

4. Town of Bristol Intersection Plantings

- Money to do that from the grant (will discuss below)
- Running out of time to plant and buy plants. Discussion about changing plans. Ian asked for input as we run against the timing.
- Taylor recommended that we just move forward ASAP

5. Fundraising 2021

- Reached goal! Yay! Lots from community. Look into how to increase ask next year so we can be more sustainable

6. Addison County Board of Realtors (ACBOR) financial gift/grant

- \$7,000 for board of relators. 4 picnic tables, 6 benches, 4 trashcans, 3 bike racks
- Waiting to hear on decision

Discussion about shipment of order, delivery, and putting together. Different ideas and locations were bopped around, landed on the idea of Bristol Works for delivery and be assembled.

~~7. Bristol Rental Survey~~

~~- Status update from Alicia~~

8. Financial Statement

- Current profit and loss

- We have about \$1900 after flowerbaskets

\$100 will go to Aidan and crew for watering. It will leave \$900 after payment which will go to intersection plantings

Profit&Loss

Coworking is losing money, we have 4 dedicated members plus core

One shared members is finishing in June and coming back in September

Still getting subsidized

Taylor recommended posters for Coworking in Burlington and Middlebury to pull in folks.

9. Board Roundtable Discussion Next Meeting – July 8, 2021

- Mike Brown for the horseshoe tournament will be on the agenda for July 8th.
- Maura suggestion – Prepare for the meeting a little bit.
- Meridith is going to scan the sodbusters forms and send them to the board so we can have an understanding of what folks will be seeing.
- Meridith mentioned that we should meet for a few minutes before Coffee and Conversation to talk about the horseshoe tournament.
- With new ED we want to revisit the Board rules and regulations. Ian is working on organizing the googledocs but updating the board rules and regulations. Brought up that we talked about having a retreat at the Hub to talk about strategic plan, the board rules, the yearly schedule.
- Ian was working on a downtown safety project but due to time constraints he passed it on to Jessica Teets.
- Signage for downtown- stoney hill is obscured by trees. Vorac (sp?) grant is coming up and we need to submit a letter of interest. This year we are including the signage for towns. If we don't move the signs then it's pretty simple. But moving them is possible just a little more complex. Meridith mentioned cleaning the sign. Maybe we swap out temporary sign before we receive grant.
- Maybe move the sign a the 4 corners on 16 don closer to the stop sign.
- Do we want a redesign? Open up to town? Pop? Established? Maybe we hire a sign designer to make new signs?