

BRISTOL CORE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 18 2023, 09:00 AM
ZOOM Meeting

MINUTES

In attendance: Ian Albinson , Meridith McFarland, Alicia Standridge , Maura Donnelly, Gary Barrows, Doug DeWitt, Brad Cameron , Valerie Capels

I. Call to order: 9:04 AM

- Doug DeWitt intro, works for Bristol Financial Services, lived in town since 2006, liaison with the Chamber of Commerce

II. Current Business

A. Pocock Rocks

- 32 vendors so far, needs more, Green
- all music performers locked
- board should all be day of, tasked with finding volunteers
- send notes on signage to Brad
- need a new emcee
 - Carl Engvall (cdengvall@gmail.com)
 - Justin Bouvier (justin.j.bouvier@gmail.com)
 - Jennifer Wagner (jenniferwagner006@yahoo.com)

B. Farmers Market

- chugging along nicely
- board needs to promote the Better Places grant to their circles
- payment from 2 vendors that are all-season
- 20 vendors per day for each week
- starting to gather names for musicians
- power outlets locked with combo locks on town green
- layout discussion
 - Meredith suggests tents should be in the grass area vs along sidewalk
 - music on the bandstand, better for viewing and sound system setup

C. Financial Update (Ian)

- See P&L report

III. New Business

A. Main Street Sidewalk Sale

- had informal meeting (Coffee & Conv), 12 attendees (Art on Main, Carol, V, Your Home, Jen Adams, Maura, Jess)
- Alicia detailed what she does for CORE, what CORE can do for businesses
- Previously had a marketing director, did a monthly marketing event, folks wondered why that wasn't happening anymore - not in CORE's budget
- Maura suggested business work with each other to create promotions themselves in-lieu of
 - decided on sidewalk sale on May 27, 11am-5pm
 - trying to decide on best way to keep these meetings going
 - which day and time?

B. Board Round Table

- Bristol Rec Dept.

- The Grift is coming Sunday, July 9, 4pm but working on opening band
 - 2 food trucks, alcohol vendors - does CORE want to sponsor?
- ARPA funds
 - Farmer's Market money - \$31,000 (\$1k this year, \$30k for next 3 years)
 - Bike racks - not really needed
 - Outdoor seating - accomplished by picnic benches
 - Rec Dept - 12-15 passenger van (40k)
 - Skate park redo - Brad suggested contacting Chris DaBica (cris@dabica.com)
- New hire at Rec Dept.
 - Zac Farnham-Haskill

Next Meeting Moved to – 6/8

IV. Adjourn. - 10:34am

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