

BRISTOL CORE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 9, 2023, 09:00 AM
ZOOM Meeting

MINUTES

In attendance: Ian Albinson , Meridith McFarland, Taylor Welch , Alicia Standridge ,
maura donnelly , Valerie Capels
Brad Cameron, Gary Barrows, Phoebe Barash

I. Call to order: 9:00 AM

Current Business

1. Peace Garden Request

Recently found new volunteers via FPF, but looking for volunteers that are construction-based, technology-focused (website, marketing), and grant writing skills. Looking for longevity for the project. Need younger people who are savvy to help with ongoing needs. Created a brochure with help from BCC and would like help with printing costs. Two different versions for different marketing venues.

B. Welcome new and potential members

Gary Barrows - grew up in Bristol (many generations), lives in village, looking to be active in the community

Brad Cameron - moved here in 2015, design & marketing business with wife, helped with Pocock Rocks marketing, designed new Town signs

Doug Dewitt - new board member via ACCC

C. Financial Update (Ian)

P&L report. Current budget status.

D. Pocock

Ian gave details on the new sponsorship form, good feedback from Maura.

- form should be for businesses only
- still do a contribution letter for residents
- include more detail on what the sponsor levels offer
- highlight what CORE does in opening blurb - talk up what CORE does
- Change \$1000+ Angel

Reaching out to vendors: good response though need to follow up. Second round to entice additional vendors. Aidan Lenihan on music. Heard back from *Adam and The Orbits*. Taylor knows a punk band from Knoxville, TN.

E. Farmers Market

Trying to pull in more vendors, need more farmers, though. A lot of craft and prepared food vendors. This event replaces Monday night music in the park.

II. New Business

A. Peace Garden Vote

- Board members seemed confused about what the brochure would do. Can CORE help in other ways?

Brad - Is there a way to reach out and connect volunteers to the various groups in town? Can an app or website help with this? How do people find out what goes on with the various organizations?

Ian - Can the Peace Garden enlarge and become a "Garden Club" that might support the intersection plantings and other areas in town?

B. Board Roundtable

Val

- asked about the new business in town at old Vermont Tree Goods?

Silkworm Studio - a used clothing store.

- Basin St. project update. Last Spring/Early Summer for more outreach on this project.

- Sidewalks - no planned update this year. Working on a sidewalk inventory with ACRCP.

Alica

- Move the CORE meeting to 3rd Thursday. OK from the board.

- Potential new board member - Alison DaBica

Next Meeting – 4/20/23

III. Adjourn.

10:36 AM.