

DOWNTOWN PALATKA, INC.

Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2013

Present:

Kathy Griffin, Sam Deputy, Bonnie Buck, Billy Ennis, Susan Detar, Marlene Lagasse, Jeremy Yates, Lorraine Carr, Alex Sharp, Gary Shindelbower, Christy Sanford, Anna Swanson, Dean Ferris, Michael Czymbor – City of Palatka, and Charles Rudd – Palatka Main Street.

Next meeting:

January 27, 2014

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President, Alex Sharp. Mr. Gary Shindelbower from Create! was introduced.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Minutes were read by all, a motion was made, seconded and approved by all. Treasurer's report was given by Susan Detar.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A brief Welcome Center Update was given by Jeremy Yates, Welcome Center Manager. Jeremy gave members the President's letter with DPI accomplishments for 2013. A bill was attached showing the increase of dues from \$35.00 to \$75.00 per year. Billy Ennis, Marketing Director, expressed the need for more sponsors for the Downtown Radio Hour to be able to continue the program. So far the program has not paid for itself. Sam Deputy, Promotions, gave an update about the Christmas Parade which had a record crowd. Sam also expressed the need for sponsors for the 2014 Azalea Festival.

Charles Rudd, Palatka Main Street, gave an update of the upcoming events for Main Street: the January 25, 2014 Wine Stroll with 20-25 locations and 40 different varieties of wine and Third Friday Street Parties. There will be no First Friday Coffee due to the holidays. Charles also mentions the Blue Crab committee.

Michael Czymbor, City of Palatka, gave a brief update on current City Projects which included the amphitheater needing to be relocated, the Riverfront, Riverfront Square, and the new hotel.

The members that were present voted as to whether to keep the building expenses going for the Welcome Center with 10 for, 3 against, and one abstain. The Welcome Center will remain open. The members that were present voted on the ballot of nominees of DPI unanimously. The Board of Directors shall be as on the ballot.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectively Submitted by
Lorraine Carr, DPI Secretary

Approved: YES

Date: 1/27/14