

**Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation/
Downtown Special Assessment District
Board Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2014**

Attending: Richard Antokol, Chris Spraragen, Heather Peterson, Rudy Grant, Austin Fisher,
Scott Johnson
Absent: Sid Ramotar, Jack McDonald, Joe O'Connor
Staff: Jim Salengo, Colleen Merays, Gail White

Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation

Richard Antokol opened the meeting at 8:21am.

1) Approvals - All

a) Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2014 & September 29, 2014 – Richard Antokol asked for a motion to approve the August & September board meeting minutes.

Scott Johnson made a motion to approve the August 26, 2014 & September 29, 2014 meeting minutes. Rudy Grant seconded the motion. All in favor.

2) Executive Director's Report – Jim Salengo

b) Marketing /Communications

i) Programming Update – Jim and Colleen met with Gail Hopper from the Chamber & Talia Cass from Proctors regarding possible 2015 events for downtown. For late spring, we will pursue coordinating a new music/Art Bike festival with the Schenectady County Visitors Agency, as well as a summer sidewalk chalk art festival on Erie Blvd.

3) 2015 DSIC/DSAD Budget Discussion

a) Budget Discussion – Colleen met with Deb DeGenova from the City's Finance Department to set the schedule for the DSAD budget approval process with the City Council. The timeline will be: November 17, present to City Council; November 24, public hearing; December 8, Council vote. Budget discussions continued regarding program priorities and reserve funds.

9:48am – *Heather Peterson made a motion to enter into executive session; Scott Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor.*

9:52am - *Chris Spraragen made a motion to close executive session; Rudy Grant seconded the motion. All in favor.*

The board will meet again on Thursday, October 30 at 8:15am for further discussions and a vote on the 2015 DSIC/DSAD budget.

Scott Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Heather Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board meeting closed 9:53am.