

**Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation
Downtown Special Assessment District
Board Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2020**

Attending: Heather Peterson, Chris Spraragen, Austin Fisher, Ray Legere, Richard Antokol
Absent: Rudy Grant, Jeff Morlang
Staff: Jim Salengo, Gail White, Amy Sonder

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Meeting took place via Zoom video conferencing. Heather Peterson opened the meeting at 12:08pm.

- 1) **Consent Agenda** – Heather asked for approval on the consent agenda. Consent agenda was adopted unanimously.

- 2) **Reimagining 2020 Work Plan & Budget** – Jim discussed details of the DSIC working with a local landscaping entrepreneur and a group of young men from Schenectady to help with landscaping in Gateway Plaza and other public areas in downtown under our landscaping agreement with Metroplex. Gail has also contacted Manpower to see about getting some additional help for outside maintenance and cleaning.
The 2019 audit has taken longer this year since it has been done all remotely. It is wrapping up now and a review will be scheduled in the near future.
We continue to work with businesses for re-opening. Mayor McCarthy is waiving the \$250 permit fee for outdoor cafes and will entertain individual business requests for increased outdoor space. Metroplex has agreed to work with us on a plan to dedicate parking spots around downtown as designated pick-up locations for restaurants and other businesses.
At Jim’s request, Heather, Ray and Chris will get together to discuss possible flexibility with staff vacation time in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

- 3) **Other** – Richard suggested that we approach Transfinder about mapping out an optimized watering route for the flower baskets. Jim will follow up with them.

Chris Spraragen made a motion to adjourn the DSIC meeting. Ray Legere seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm.

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Heather opened the DSAD at 12:55 pm.

No new business.

Richard Antokol made a motion to close the DSAD. Chris Spraragen seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting closed at 12:56pm.