

**Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation
Downtown Special Assessment District
Board Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2022**

Attending: Heather Peterson, Jeff Morlang, Ray Legere, Richard Antokol, Michael Burns, Austin Fisher, Chris Spraragen
Staff: Jim Salengo, Gail White, Amy Sonder
Absent: N/A

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Meeting took place at Heather Peterson's office and via Zoom. Heather opened the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

- 1. Consent Agenda** – Heather asked for approval on the consent agenda; adopted unanimously.
 - a) Meeting minutes from 1/25/22 & 2/22/22
 - b) Executive Director's Report for 2/22/22 & 4/5/222
 - c) February 2022 financials
- 2. Board Committee Updates** –
 - a) **Governance** – Jim Salengo reviewed his one-on-one meetings with potential board member candidates. Austin Fisher suggested another potential candidate.
 - b) **Outdoor Program** - Austin discussed the GIS mapping system that he is working on for the district. Jim reviewed a landscaping meeting with Metroplex to determine who is responsible for what areas. Gail updated board members on the Hometown Heroes banner program.
- 4. New Business** –
 - a) **Grants** – Amy Sonder talked about a \$5,000 Arts Center grant we received for creating a mural on the side of Austin's building on the east alley off the Jay Street walkway. We are also applying for other grants with additional murals, benches, lighting, etc.
 - b) **Misc.** - Jim did put in a sponsorship request to Rivers Casino but has not heard back; he will follow up. Our FY2021 audit is done; we will schedule Jason Marra from Cusack & Co. to present the audited financials at an upcoming board meeting.
 - c) **Art Subcommittee** – Austin suggested having a downtown arts committee to keep local arts organizations informed, and/or periodic emails with updates on arts activities. Staff to discuss.
 - d) **Richard Antokol** – Richard discussed that it is time for him to retire from the board but will be more than happy to stay on until his position is filled. Board members thanked Richard for his many years of service to the DSIC.

Richard Antokol made a motion to adjourn the DSIC meeting. Chris Spraragen seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

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Heather Peterson opened the DSAD at 12:54 p.m. No new business.

Richard Antokol made a motion to close the DSAD. Ray Legere seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.