

**MainStreet Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**April 20, 2016**

**Members Present**

Bob Haustein, Acting Chairman  
Dennis Suglich  
Julie Dekker  
Julie Volkmann  
Dr. Robert Thies

**Staff Present**

Donna Framke, Marketing Director  
Ivan Baker, Economic Development Director  
Vicki Sanchez, Special Events Coordinator  
Nancy Byrne, Commission Secretary

**Guests Present**

Kurt Dekker  
Maryanne Czarnecki  
Jeff Kennedy

Acting Chairman Haustein called the April 20, 2016 MainStreet Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There was a motion made by Bob Thies, seconded by Julie Dekker, to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2016 MainStreet Commission meeting. Vote by voice call: Acting Chairman Haustein declared the motion carried.

There was a motion made by Dennis Suglich, seconded by Julie Volkmann, to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Vote by voice call: Acting Chairman Haustein declared the motion carried.

Bob Haustein welcomed Jeff Kennedy from the VFW.

**Discuss Ideas for Co-op Marketing with Hollywood Casino Amphitheater** – This item was tabled. Donna has been waiting to receive information from the Amphitheater.

**Project Updates** – Ivan Baker updated the group on current projects and activities. Dennis reiterated his concern about prohibiting gaming cafes in Downtown Tinley and asked if any consideration was given to his prior comments regarding gaming cafes. Ivan noted that by ordinance they are allowed if they meet the requirements and if the liquor commissioner and the state approve them. Dennis stated that he is not opposed to video gaming; only gaming cafes. The ordinance would have to be changed to prohibit gaming cafes in Downtown Tinley, and Ivan suggested that MainStreet should make a proposal to make an amendment to the ordinance and then discuss it with the Mayor.

**Discuss Proposed Street Performer Option Ideas** – Donna noted that information on buskers was sent to the commissioners. It was determined that buskers alone would not be enough to bring people downtown on a night they would not normally be there. Theme nights were considered once per month throughout the summer into September. She reviewed the themes – 80's Night, Tropical Night and Country Night. The hope is that the businesses will take part and have fun with the theme. Discussion ensued. Dennis and Julie Volkmann suggested encouraging buskers as well or expanding to a storyteller, multi-media artist, etc. It was decided to try Friday's from 6-9 p.m.

**Summer Events Update** – Vicki gave an update on Meet the Artist Night, Music in the Plaza, Cruise Nights. Dennis asked about putting up a tent in the middle of the street for businesses to pass out

information, samples, etc. After discussion, this was tabled for review for next summer. She also updated the group on the Block Party.

**Stihl Timbersports Event Participation** – Donna noted that we should consider ways to create something between downtown businesses and the Stihl event on July 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> to distribute through the hotels. She is looking into further details and will update the group. Discussion ensued.

**Updates** – Donna reported that eight branding proposals have been received. Two firms did virtual presentations for the Board last week. The chosen firm would likely kick off the campaign in September and roll-out would be January or February. After approval, a Brand Development Committee would be formed. Donna reminded the group about the Tinley Park Mental Health Center upcoming meetings, the Annual Business Breakfast and Memorial Day Ceremony. Dennis asked about getting temporary way-finding signs at various locations to direct people to Downtown Tinley. Donna will discuss with the Planning and Building Departments and Public Works.

**Receive Comments from the Public** – Maryanne Czarnecki, a guest at the meeting, introduced herself.

There was a motion made by Dennis Suglich, seconded by Julie Volkmann, to adjourn the meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Clark declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Reminder</i></b> <b><i>Next MSC Meeting</i></b> <b><i>May 18, 2016</i></b> <b><i>6:00 p.m.</i></b> <b><i>Fulton Conference Room</i></b></p>
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