

Union County Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting

January 11, 2023 at Noon

Board Members Present:

Brian Bias
Brenda Paxton
Diana Bourne
Noah Studebaker

Employees Present:

Melissa Browning
Dawnn Ripberger

Guests Present:

Howard Curry

The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm on January 11, 2023 by Brian Bias.

December 2022 Minutes – The December meeting minutes were discussed and approved as written. Brenda Paxton made a motion to approve the minutes, Diana Bourne seconded. All board members present voted to approve.

December 7, 2022 – January 11, 2023 Financials and the January-December 2022 – The financials were discussed and approved as reported. Noah Studebaker made a motion to approve the financials, Diana Bourne seconded. All board members present voted to approve.

Motion was made to retain Brian Bias as Board President by Diana Bourne, Noah Studebaker seconded. All board member present voted to approve.

Old Business:

- Final payment was made to muralist, Pamela Bliss on January 9, 2023.

New Business:

- Memberships for 2023 have been coming in.
 - New Memberships: Barnhizer Machine & Weld and Jet Fab
- Tim Woodruff submitted his letter of resignation from the Board effective immediately. Melissa read his letter to the board. Diana Bourne made a motion to accept his resignation, Noah Studebaker seconded. All board members present voted to approve.
 - Will need to find a replacement to the board. Howard was asked if one of the Commissioners would like the spot on the board. He said he would discuss at the next Commissioners meeting.
- Will attend UC Commissioner's Meeting on Friday, January 20, 2023 to request our yearly ask.
 - Howard informed board to bring to the meeting the following: cash on hand, 2022 financials and budget, 2023 budget, and signed employment contracts.
- Event listing to approve for 2023:
 - Duck Regatta: May 28
 - Live in Liberty: May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, and Sept 6
 - 4th of July Festival: June 30-July 2
 - Harvest Fest: Oct 14

- Christmas in Our Hometown: December 3
- Diana Bourne made a motion to accept the event listing for the year, Brenda Paxton seconded. All board members present voted to accept.
- Liberty Beautification Funds
 - Looking for a Bronze Plaque to put at the home of Bob Jenkins
 - Checking into lighting for the Bob Jenkins mural
 - Season Banners to put up in addition to the Christmas banners. Check with Ashley Reister at UCHS. She just had banners made and installed by HS.
 - Liberty Sign – check with Wicked Fab and Jet Fab. Have already discussed idea with Ted Bostick and Barnhizer Machine & Weld.
- Tourism Video
 - Currently working on verbiage
- Merchant Meetings – Diana suggested instead of having an additional meeting to invite the Merchants to attend the regular UCDC Board Meeting to express their praises/concerns/questions. Diana asked Dawnn to add the monthly UCDC Board Meeting to our events calendar on website and to create a facebook event.
- UC Guide – Will be selling ads soon. Howard suggested finding an old newspaper box to have Guides available on the walking path behind Ainsley's.
- Would like to create an event post card for all events in the year in addition to the Live in Liberty postcards.
- Howard Curry encourages the UCDC staff to be more visible and visit the local businesses.
- Melissa requested to make up her hours missed after normal business hours and on Saturdays. Brenda and Diana both stated that Melissa is currently getting paid for those hours missed and the board wants Melissa to get healthy and to be able to take care of Adam.
- Brian Bias asked Brenda to locate a copy of the employment contract to send to him to have ready for the Commissioner's meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:12pm by Brian Bias.

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at Noon.