

Minutes

Downtown Improvement Committee

February 13, 2026

Attending: Marylou Blaisdell, Fouad Mahfuz, Edward Haynes, Elisa Drift, Phillip Sconstas, Rich Lannan, Michael Buckley Cole Morgan, Liz Hannan also in attendance Amber Morgan, BOA

Also, in attendance Alyssa O'Mera – ED of GAD, Doran Dal Pra New England Lighting

Meeting called to order at 7:45 a.m.

Discussion

- Chair, Marylou Blaisdell gave the committee a review of expenditures allocated from the DIC fund from 2021 – 2025. Total 214,015.00, the major expenses are holiday lighting and planting and maintenance of downtown planters.
- Elisa Drift asked if businesses could use the city's power washer for removal of graffiti. Liz stated doubtful that city equipment could be used for private use. Edward suggested the committee purchase a power washer – pricing for purchase will be reviewed and discussed in March.
- Alderman Morgan stated there is an ordinance in front of the BOA to allocate 200,000 for cleaning downtown and river. She stressed it is important that committee members attend the 24th BOA meeting to speak about the ordinance.
- Liz Hannan stated the official opening of the riverwalk will be Memorial Day weekend with activities planned for the entire weekend.
- Alyssa ED of GAD gave the committee a review of coming events which included
 - Opening of Farmers Market
 - Duck Race during opening of riverwalk
 - Taste of Nashua
 - Summer Stroll
- Doran from New England Lighting attended to discuss feedback regarding lighting for the 2025 holiday.
 - Phillip stated it is important that all lighting color is consistent throughout downtown.
 - Discussed the need to insure DPW checks all electric prior to 2026 lighting.
 - Lights will be put up in October 2026.
 - Doran will prepare pricing for 2026 lighting and lighting of all season lighting options.
- Liz Hannan stated the Main Street Convention is in Oklahoma City in April 2026. She asked the committee to allocate 1,500 for two people to attend. Edward made a motion to allocate 1,500 for Main Street Convention, second on Rich – unanimous approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

