

Minutes

Downtown Improvement Committee

August 14, 2026

Attending: Marylou Blaisdell, Fouad Mahfuz, Edward Haynes, Elisa Drift, Phillip Sconstas, Michael Buckley, Liz Hannan, Rich Lannan, Cole Morgan – via phone

Also, in attendance Alyssa O'Mera – GAD, Alderman Amber Morgan

Meeting started 7:45 a.m. room 208 City Hall

Discussion Points

1. Ordinance 0-26-005 Repealing the prohibition of Campers and recreational vehicles
 - a. Committee discussed impact of the downtown. The downtown business owners have seen a big improvement since camping has been prohibited. The downtown police officer has been excellent and very supportive.
 - b. The committee unanimously voted for chair Blaisdell to send a letter to the Chief of Police stating we were opposed of any repealing of this ordinance.
2. Financial – a report dated 2021- 2025 for expenditures accounted to our committee. Several expenses are in question – all from ICON architecture. Discussion on how monies can be used and what expenses the committee voted to spend. Liz stated the ICON expenses can be paid by TIF monies, and she and Alderwoman Morgan will review and bring information to the committee.
 - a. Edward Hayes requested a complete report of all expenditures, Liz will request the reports.
3. Art City
 - a. Art City has requested a \$5,000 donation for their August mural program. This program would include 4 large professional murals that will be painted along Nashua's Heritage Rail Trail, and 10 8x10 murals will be live painted along the trail behind 809 Lounge and they will revamp the Land China building, they will also include programs for kids and families.
 - b. Liz stated the group is very involved in the community, and their fundraising efforts have been very good, they have a 10,000 deficient. After discussion a motion was made by Edward Hayes to approve 10,000 to Art City, second by Elisa Drift – unanimously approved.
4. Report from Alyssa O'mera on downtown events for reminder of 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.