

# Downtown Improvement Committee

## Minutes – October 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Marylou Blaisdell at 7:45 a.m. in room 208, city hall.

Attending:

Marylou Blaisdell, Michael Buckley, Liz Hannan, Fouad Mahfuz, Edward Haynes, Elisa Drift,

Also in attendance, Alyssa O'Mara ED Great American Downtown

Discussion as follows

Liz Hannan gave the committee an update on the October 9<sup>th</sup> BOA meeting regarding the discussion of installing public bathrooms downtown. Estimates of cost were reviewed, possible location and how they will be cleaned. No decision was made by the BOA, there will be continued discussion.

Liz Hannan also updated the committee on clean crews for downtown; Liz will create an RFP and is working with other departments in the city.

Alyssa O'Mara updated the committee on downtown events planed for the remainder of 2025 including

October 11<sup>th</sup> – chalk sidewalk art

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Monster Mash – downtown Halloween event

November 15<sup>th</sup> – downtown wrap windows for holiday decorations

November 28<sup>th</sup> Plaid Friday

November 29<sup>th</sup> Holiday Stroll

Marylou presented the committee with estimates for expenses to review for 2026 including:

Account balance as of August 2025 = \$258,362.95

1. Lighting – holiday 2026 – 30,000
  2. Lighting – river – 20,000
  3. Plantings – replanting 10,000
  4. Cleaning – (summer) 6,000
  5. Banners – 8,500
- Expenses estimate = 74,500

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

