



Ridgway Creative Main Street Group

Tuesday, October 19th, 2021

5:30 – 7:30pm

By Zoom only



Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Diedra Silbert (chair), Kevin Grambley, Vanessa Backer, Jill McCord, Amanda Gabrielson, Clifford Pastor, Guthrie Castle, Alison Etheridge, Arielle Bielak, Joan Chismire, Ash Perkins, Sue Husch (notes)

Called to Order at 5:35p

Kudos - Amanda says the Space to Create event and Old West Fest went well! Thanks to all volunteers. Kevin says the Town Council agrees and sends thanks. Arielle and Aella went to the Summit along with John Clark. Rally Through the Alley and Barrel Fest were awesome.

Membership

1. Upcoming Retirement and Hiring Process (Info) Diedra is retiring by the end of December after 8-1/2 years. Congrats and THANK YOU! Diedra will pass along the info on the job opening when it is available.
2. Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson Needed (Discuss, Decide) Arielle is interested in stepping into a leadership role. Jill is open to discuss VP. WOOHOO! Sue moves to approve both, and all are in favor.
3. Michi sent a letter resigning from the group - it was received today. It was regretfully accepted.

Old Business

1. Subcommittee Reports (Discuss)
 - Ridgway Independent Film Festival, Nov. 12-13 - There were 27 films accepted out of 89 submissions. Professional judges will be involved in the decision processes to determine awards, along with local viewer participation for the People's Choice awards each evening. Fundraising covers the cash awards with donations from lots of local businesses. Please thank them when you see them.
 - Retreat (Discuss, Decide) - Arielle, Sue & Diedra will meet to plan. Diedra would love to attend. Agreed to **December 11 - 9 AM start**, Diedra will arrive at 9:30. Team will meet to plan. John Clark will be invited.
 - Other (activate subcommittees) No other of the 9 subcommittees met.
- CMS Group Subcommittees
- Ridgway Independent Film Fest: Amanda, Joan, Andy Nasisse, Liana Schmidt, Angela Ferrelli, Lexi Trachy, John Clark
 - Parking: Alison, Vanessa, Guthrie, Tamme
 - Promotional Materials: Joan, Clifford?, Alison, Mary Menz maybe
 - First Fridays: Jill, Clifford, Brenda?, Michi?, David Nunn?
 - Creative Corridor: Ashley, Hilary?, Brenda
 - Quarterly Communications from Group: Jill, ??
 - Workshops: Jill, ??
 - Historical Buildings: Vanessa, Joan?
 - Retreat Planning: Arielle, Sue
 - Ridgway Roundup (completed): Alison, Joan, Clifford
 - Website(s): Diedra, ??

- Graphic Design (flyers): Brenda
2. Bank Building Grant (Info) - Heritage Energy Pilot Project from Colorado Main Street - this building is 1 of 3 in the state. Received a Main Street Open for Business grant for \$250,000 to cover energy improvements, windows, masonry, facade and other items.
 3. 2022 Work Plan draft (Discuss) - hot off the press this afternoon. Diedra put up on her screen and reviewed it. It seems complete - lots of projects to address. Sue mentioned the Creative Corridor article in Spoke & Blossom Magazine. Another reason to update those websites!

New Business

1. Colorado Main Street Quarterly Reports (Discuss, Decide) - Consensus that it was good for the group to see the reports.
2. Creative Districts Convening/CCI Summit Report Plan (Discuss, Decide) - Rolled into the retreat - Diedra will check with John Clark. Joan would love to see photos.
3. *Safer More Affirming Communities* Sticker (Discuss) - Diedra has attended meetings of this group working on inclusivity issues in the county since the Town Master Plan has an objective on inclusivity. How can businesses be involved? Idea of the sticker was born. It's an option. Would this Group be interested in asking businesses to put the sticker up? Kevin suggests we have the stickers available at anything we do. Arielle asks if there's more we can do - trainings, resources, other info? Sue suggests talking points to go with the sticker including contact info. Kevin says the Youth Advisory Council of 10 was just sworn in and all touched on inclusivity - this could bridge the gap between our group and the Youth Council. Maybe 1 Group member with a student and/or committee member team up to contact businesses. Maybe invite someone from Safer More Affirming Communities to be a liaison. Diedra will relay this info to the SMAC group.
4. Bylaws Draft (Discuss) - Diedra reviewed and recorded several comments on the document as items were discussed. Feedback is needed before the next meeting.
5. Minutes - Do we need to add approval of minutes to CMS Group agendas? The CMS Group decides the person taking the meeting minutes will send a GoogleDrive link to all attendees and give them 10 days to comment. After 10 days the CIF will look at all additions and changes and will call to finalize minutes at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 5:30-7:30p

The December 21st meeting is cancelled.

Open Discussion - Ash asks if RIFF subgroup is looking for Film Fest volunteers. Sherb is taking care of some of the door tasks and bar spots and may need help. In future years, help will be needed to organize the festivals. Amanda asks about volunteer lists so that they can be contacted. Diedra will pass her list to the new person with the knowledge that we are here to review.

Adjourned at 7:30p