

**BUY LOCAL  
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 at 9am via Zoom

Meeting started at 9:02am

Purpose of Buy Local: Engage more people in Bellaire's downtown businesses, particularly including local and regional people throughout the entire year.

In Zoom attendance: Christy Wilson, Brenda Fink, Trish Fox, Janet Piscopo, Shelly Dayton, Tani Carl, Jeremy Vancise, Tony Colombo, Kristin Arin, Erin Keuthe, Shana Minish, Heidi Sung

May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Outdoor downtown seating – Ms. Wilson gave an update on the outdoor downtown seating. The village did not approve closing Broad street on Fridays and Saturdays as requested by the DDA. So Joe Short was asked to offer the pharmacy parking lot for the seating area and he agreed. So the DDA ordered tables, chairs and umbrellas for areas in the pharmacy parking lot and in front of the Frontier building. These tables will be for the general public and will remain up 7 days a week all summer. The Village did approve for seating on the grassy area next to Shorts and Shorts placed picnic tables in that area. It looks nice and people are already using the space.

The group discussed live entertainment in this area and agreed it would be best to do live entertainment earlier in the evening vs. later at night. Starting around 5pm-ish and create more of a "Bellaire Fresh Air Waiting Room". People can wait in these areas for their tables or get takeout and sit and enjoy. These areas will not be serviced.

It was discussed among the group to see which businesses are "in" to be included in these areas and create a schedule of who will maintain the areas. Ms. Wilson will work on this.

Ms. Keuthe from Shorts has part of their music budget they will use for Saturday entertainment in the parking lot about 5 or 6 Saturdays this summer. This would begin next week. (July 4<sup>th</sup>).

Mr. Vancise offered a banner of the rules for the area could be hung on the side of the BeeWell building.

The group discussed posting a possible closing time for the area. No later than Midnight.

To make sure people are adhering to the social distancing rules, there should be no standing room allowed. Once the seats are full then the area is full.

2. Downtown Map – Ms. Fink and Ms. Dayton discussed the status of the downtown map. We were hoping to get it completed before 4<sup>th</sup> of July but the printers are so far behind now that we're just happy to get it when we can at this point. All of the ads are full.
3. Signage for the social district areas were discussed and will be finalized using some of our DDA budget.

Member sharing information was discussed from the importance of the public restrooms being open to how everyone feels about the mask rules. It's been difficult on everyone but we're holding strong still.

Next Meeting scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am via Zoom (until further notice)

Meeting adjourned at 9:58am

Respectfully Submitted by:

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