

**Jonesville Downtown Development Authority**  
**Minutes of September 11, 2018**

Present: Don Toffolo, Don Germann, Gerry Arno, Joe Ruden, Chris Fast, Gale Fix and Ron Gow.

Absent: Abe Graves and Penny Sarles

Also Present: Manager Gray

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m.

The agenda was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Don Germann and was supported by Ron Gow to approve the minutes from July 10, 2018. All in favor. Absent: Abe Graves and Penny Sarles. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the redevelopment of the Klein Tool building, which included the potential development opportunities, preferred development outcomes and building marketing. It was the consensus of the DDA that staff should pursue grant opportunities and quotes for environmental and structural studies to aid in the marking of the property. The DDA also indicated that it prefers a redevelopment that is compatible with other existing downtown businesses and the use and design standards in the D-1 Downtown Form Based Code District. Other designs and uses might be considered.

The Action Plan of the Master Plan Update, which is led by the Jonesville Planning Commission, was provided for discussion. The Action Plan provides a prioritized listing of the important future initiatives. It integrates input received through the community survey, public forum and economic development strategy meeting. The reuse of the Klein Tool Building is listed as high priority item on the report.

Manager Gray advised that the Jonesville Business Association has announced that the Christmas in Jonesville activities will take place the weekend of November 30, 2018 through December 2, 2018. It is anticipated that the City Staff will support the Downtown Decorating Contest and the Friday night tree lighting event on behalf of the DDA. A JBA meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Don Germann stated that there will need to be discussion soon about the future of Riverfest. The Riverfest Committee will be given an opportunity to address the DDA at a future meeting.

Manager Gray also provided an update on the MDOT Signal Modernization Project which will take place in the downtown section of Jonesville.

Other updates provided by Manager Gray were Jilly Beans Too grand opening, Ramshackle Brewing Company progress, Grace Episcopal Church sold with the new owners remodeling/restoring the building and making it their permanent residence, with the possibility of a pottery shop inside, and Bailey, Hodshire and Company learned they will be unable to build a new building on the existing land due to a high water table in that location.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be November 13, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Gerry Arno and supported by Chris Fast to adjourn at 8:34 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cynthia D. Means  
Clerk