



Lucknow Downtown Revitalization Committee

Village Pizzeria (meeting in conjunction with the Lucknow Chamber)

September 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Minutes

Wayne McDonagh	Chair	P
Lillian Abbott	Council Representative	A
Joan Chamney	Beautification Committee Representative	P
Morten Jakobsen	Chamber of Commerce Representative	Late- 7:30pm
Laura Johnson	Member at large	P
Margie MacPherson	Member at large	A
Ian Montgomery	Member at large	P
Lana Sanderson-Neeb	Member at large	A
Stu Reavie	Member at large	P
Taralyn Martin	Business & Economic Officer	P
Mary Rose Walden	Administrator	A
Alanna Young	Bruce County Representative	A

Lucknow & District Chamber Members Present: Pat McKillip, Helene Jakobsen, Rod McDonagh and Brenda Cathers

1.0 Call to Order

Chair McDonagh called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

2.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Name	Item	Nature of Interest
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None reported.

3.0 Minutes

Moved by Reavie
Seconded by Montgomery

Adopt Minutes THAT the Lucknow Downtown Revitalization Committee hereby adopts the [June 10, 2014](#) meeting minutes. Carried

4.0 Action Plan

Please review the [Action Plan](#) and advise of any actions that should be added.

ACTION: Noted.

5.0 Reports

5.1. Committee Meetings and Members

For the past year, the Committee has been meeting in conjunction with the Lucknow Chamber. Do you wish to take the time now to evaluate this change? Do the two groups believe that our meetings should continue to occur together or should we look at other options? In order to be eligible for the Spruce the Bruce Program, we need to have a group actively working through the downtown revitalization action plan.

ACTION: New members are needed included retirees and young people. The Revitalization Committee would like to continue working through the Action Plan. A concern was raised from a Chamber member about meeting in conjunction with them. The Revitalization Committee going through their agenda first, which delays the Chamber meeting.

The Revitalization Committee agreed to meet separate from the Chamber in the future. We will continue to partner on some initiatives as we have done in the past. The Committee would like to begin recruiting some new members (replace some members). Taralyn will contact the members that are not present at this meeting to see if they intend on remaining on the Committee.

5.2. Historical Walking Tour

Some volunteers are working with the Ripley Reunion Committee to create a historical walking tour in Ripley. Taralyn sat in on one of their meetings to share what they are doing with this Committee.

The Ripley Historical Walking Tour will have a few different routes that feature historical homes, properties and commercial buildings. Visitors will be able to read short descriptions of the historical places they pass in a booklet and an audio tour will be available for download. The audio tour will include short stories about the properties and more information than what is in the booklet.

It was suggested previously that we focus Lucknow's historical walking tour on the downtown. Do we have a volunteer(s) to spearhead this initiative?

We will need to collect pictures and information about the properties. Kayla had suggested at our last meeting that we speak with Marion Zinn (Sepoy Manor) who might be interested in helping us with the project.

ACTION: Stu Reavie will contact Pat Livingston to see if she is interested in helping the Committee with this initiative. Other suggestions of people who may want to be involved in this project include: Jane Joynt, Tracy Meurs and Elaine Steer. Taralyn will look for grants.

5.3. Former Three Creeks Bar & Grill

Taralyn contacted Lisa Fritz who currently owns the building on the corner of Ross and Campbell St. She said that the building is currently for sale or rent or she may do something with it as the first deal fell through. Perhaps Wayne could give her a window dressing if there is one available. Are there any other vacant storefronts that should have window dressings?

ACTION: Wayne will contact Lisa to get a window dressing put up in the window. A note should go on the back that has a "Return To" contact in the event of the building being leased or sold. There have been complaints about the handwritten note that is currently on the door of the former Three Creek's Bar and Grill. Taralyn will contact Lisa to see if she can remove it.

5.4. Bridge

Morten showed Bryan Knox of Bruce County Highways the pictures of Neustadt's bridge to give him an idea of what we would like. The county will be installing the same railing on both sides with hand rails at the top. There will be square posts on the rails where it will be possible to mount a flower planter or whatever we decide. Please refer to the two pictures of [Neustadt's bridge](#), which are attached.

ACTION: We will evaluate when Bruce County is finished the bridge and see what we want to do. The Horticulture Society will need to know what flowers we want. I.C. Greenhouses is closing at the end of the year, so perhaps Karen Latour would be interested in selecting the flowers. The Lucknow Kinsmen have money for beautification. Morten will look into this.

5.5. Filling Vacant Storefronts

Several new businesses have opened in Lucknow over the past year (Paris Village Café and Pizzeria, IWTB, Mayfair Training); however, there are still a few empty storefronts. Is the Committee interested in running a competition to try and fill a downtown storefront? Taralyn has collected several examples from other communities.

ACTION: Taralyn will contact Danielle Sutton to see what her plans are in regards to opening another store in the downtown. Taralyn will also contact Wayne/Sandra Snyder to see if they would be interested in donated three or four months free rent (with a signed one year lease) for a competition.

Wayne notified Taralyn of a new business in Lucknow: Arise Stairs. It is in the former Euro Parts building. Joel Toner owns the business. The Committee still has a concern about residential uses in commercial space. Taralyn will look into the status of this issue as it has been addressed previously by the Planning Advisory Committee.

5.6. Lucknow Wayfinding Signage

J & D Signs is in the process of installing five of the wayfinding signs in Lucknow. The other signs will need to be installed along Campbell St and since it is being resurfaced next year, installation will occur in 2015.

ACTION: Noted.

5.7. Lucknow Downtown Streetscape

New streetlight posts, fixtures and LED lights will be factored into the Township's budget in 2015.

No decisions have been made regarding pedestrian crosswalks.

ACTION: The Committee wants to know who gets to choose the streetlight design. Taralyn will ask Mary Rose. Morten said the last he heard, the County was looking at putting a pedestrian crosswalk at the Everlastings corner and we would lose one parking spot on each side of the road. Joan said that Hanover has constructed one bump out (by grocery store) and done several façade improvements and it looks very nice.

6.0 Finances

Balance 3,053.18

ACTION: Noted.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Benches

Some of our benches need some refurbishment (sanding, re-varnishing). Could the municipal summer students do this in the spring/summer?

8.0 Adjournment

Moved by Montgomery
Seconded by Johnson

Adjourn That the Lucknow Revitalization Committee do now adjourn to meet again on TBA at 7:00 pm.

Carried.