

OTTAWA VISITORS CENTER

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 - 5 p.m.

Present: Chair: Hank Wolf, Secretary/Treasurer, Vice Chair: Matt Skelly, Rachel Black, Rich Crum, Heather Johnson, Mary Beth LeSeure, Stephanie Stacy, Scott Struchen, OVC Representative: Donna Reynolds and Kristal Nodland

Absent:

Guests: Mayor Hasty, Dave Noble, Jay McCracken, CL Real Estate Development representatives: Nathan Watson, Erin Maze, and Rafael Blanco.

Subject	Discussion	Decision	Next Steps - Motion
Call to Order	January 17, 2024 5:00pm		
Public Comments		n/a	n/a
Next Board Meeting	Wednesday, February 21, 2024 - 5pm Location- Johnson Law Office & Google Meet		
Review of Minutes	Review/Discussion regarding OVC Board Meeting Minutes held on November 15, 2023	Moved by: MB LeSeure 2 nd by: M. Skelly	Motion to approve OVC Board Meeting minutes from November 15 th as presented. Voted - Motion carried.
Finance Report	Review/Discuss Financial results for period ending December 2023.	Moved by: MB LeSeure 2 nd by: S. Stacy	Motion to approve Finance Report as presented. Voted - Motion carried.
City Report - Noble	No representation from the City (Dave had to leave early) – No report given.	n/a	n/a
Chamber Report - Hettrick	Jay McCracken presented as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jay stated he is excited for his new role with the Chamber and is looking forward to working together. - Planning is underway for the Chamber’s major events: Annual Dinner, Welcomeburger – looking to rename and revamp the event, the golf outing, and the State of the City Address. - The Chamber will be planning and organizing the Farmers Market. 	n/a	n/a

OVC Report – Donna Reynolds	Donna presented as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report was emailed to Board members prior to meeting. - OVC has submitted a grant for festivals – Kites In Flight and Smoketober Fest. - MMP Grant has been submitted. - Donna has been working on the budget and will be asking for a 18% increase from the city. 	n/a	n/a
Old Business		n/a	n/a
New Business	<p>Murals: Mayor Hasty relayed that the Brush with History committee will disband and the newly formed Arts Committee under the city direction will be taking over. Discussion was made about the Lincoln-Douglas mural and the intent of CL Real Estate with the building that the mural is placed on. It is the intent to relocate the mural but for the time being it will be placed in storage. CL Real Estate will incur all the costs of moving and relocating the mural. A \$20,000 donation from CL Real Estate will be made to the Ottawa Arts Committee.</p> <p>Mayor Hasty also stated there will be a new framed mural will be placed at 229 W. Main Street. Art will be able to be changed and replaced.</p>	Moved by: S. Struchen 2 nd by: M. Skelly	Motion to approve the signing of the contract between the OVC and CL Real Estate Development releasing ownership of the Lincoln-Douglas mural. Contract will not be transferred until approved by legal counsel and a press release is prepared. Voted – Motion carried.
Executive Session	None		
Adjournment	6:14 p.m.	Moved by: MB LeSeure 2 nd by: S. Stacy	Motion to adjourn. Voted - Motion carried.