

**BETTER HOMETOWN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Minutes: August 11, 2009**

**Directors Present:** Cullen Chambers, Mel Gordon, Maureen Grindstaff, Judy Malins, Erin Sheldon, Dick Smith, Patricia Miller Wann, John Yarbrough

**Directors Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** None

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10am.

The July 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting minutes are not ready and will be approved at the September Board Meeting.

Cullen expressed the Board's condolences to Chantel and said that the City and the Board will buy memorial bricks in her Father's memory.

Patricia presented a request from the Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs for grant applications for the Grassroots Arts Project which is a local distribution of Georgia Council for the Arts monies. Patricia suggested that BHT apply for the maximum grant amount of \$2,000. The grant must support an arts related project and meet a community need, occur during the time frame of November 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 with a 50% match. We can apply for funding to support the "off season" Third Thursdays on Tybee. There was discussion about whether we need Council's approval to apply. Dick said he did not think we needed to go before Council. Chantel will check with the City Manager. Patricia and Chantel will begin work on the grant application and Judy, Patricia & Chantel will review it and e-mail it to Board Members prior to the next board meeting.

**Committee Updates**

*Promotion --*

Chantel reported that October 3<sup>rd</sup> is a better date for the Promotions Committee for the Sidewalk Sale. Tybee Beautification is having a Beach Sweep the Saturday before and that might reduce Resident participation.

Cullen made a motion to accept the October 3<sup>rd</sup> date. Judy seconded and all approved.

*Design -- Cullen*

Cullen is setting a meeting with Bob Civivich and other committee members to "do a walk through" on the South End. They will be looking at historic/current facades and will identify non-historic buildings that may be eligible for façade improvements. Cullen said that there are a lot of art deco facades on 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Façade improvements will enhance the historic features of downtown. Improvements to non-historic buildings will also enhance the downtown area. Cullen will look into the possibility of the Tybee Island Historical Society donating funds that will match City funds for façade improvements of historic buildings that meet certain criteria. In order to meet the Certified Local Government criteria, an Historic Review Board will need to meet twice. Cullen will submit

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the names of those who agree to serve on the Historic Review Committee. The Committee will help submit names to the City Council for historic designation. Councilman Smith requested that the Committee also review Butler up to 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Education/Development**

#### *Review Start-Up Check List and Enhanced Minimum Standards*

Chantel provided a copy of the Enhanced Minimum Standards for all Directors. The Check List was reviewed and it was decided to focus on the Enhanced Minimum Standards to ensure meeting the December 2009 application deadline.

#### *Review Work Plan*

Cullen updated Chantel on the Board Workshop held on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Each Committee liaison will send Chantel their Work Plans. There will be at least three items per Committee with achievable goals.

The City Manager is working on trash improvements.

The DCA will be utilized to assist in finding solutions to parking issues.

John said that he will be more aggressive at the 8/5 workshop. Maureen wants to assist with the Promotions Committee.

### **Other Business**

(none)

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am. Cullen made the motion to adjourn and Erin seconded. The vote was unanimous.