



## **October 16, 2017 – General Meeting**

Location: Rectangle Gallery

### **Attendance**

**CDA Board Members in Attendance:** President: Jan Rockwell-Nontell, Tory Graf, Kristi Vrooman, Jay Ryan, Dawn Lawson, Sara Potter, Board Liaison: Max Vogt

**Absent (excused):** Executive Director: Scott White, Member at Large: Andy Skinner

Attendees: Jennifer Krueger, Holly Phelps, Rebecca Staebler, Maureen Longley, Jack Brandt

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Jan Nontell called to order at 6:06

### **Agenda Corrections and Agenda**

No changes

### **Treasurer's Report: Account Update/Bills**

N/A

### **Guest Speaker: Jennifer Krueger – Centralia Police Department: Merchant Academy**

A customized version of the Citizens Academy is in development. The content is being developed in partnership with the CPD and CDA. The goal of this Academy is provide an opportunity for the police department and downtown merchants to get to know each other better and how to better partner to make our downtown safe and secure. Some of the topics that were suggested were resources for discerning and handling mental illness related challenges, when it is appropriate to call the police (e.g. sleeping in doorways), addressing speed and noise complaints on Tower, counterfeit and quick-change, preventing and dealing with shoplifting (loss prevention), preventing and dealing with car prowls and drug deals. The three top priorities are homelessness, mental health, and loss prevention. Tory will share the agenda from the Citizens Academy and ask for more feedback from the Merchants.

### **Executive Director's Report**

N/A

### **Committee Reports**

**Organization.** N/A

**Promotions.** See Old Business and New Business

**Design.** Emil has picked out 5 trees for us to select from.

**Economic Vitality.** N/A

### **Old Business**

**360 Tour.** All of our shots are complete. Interior photos are being posted to Facebook. Drafts of the VR food tour, printed shopping tour, and Third Thursday current events video are available for review. Work is in progress and being completed according to the schedule.

**George Washington.** The Pop-Up Museum is Oct 19-22. Volunteer docents are still needed. Jan,

Heather and Tory spoke at the Black Heritage Society on Saturday. We have been invited back for their January meeting and invited to speak in Kent.

**Membership Update.** The Station is a new member.

**Meet me in Centralia.** The LTAC committee has recommended funding \$73,100 to support Meet Me In Centralia, the CDA office and a permanent George Washington museum. The space will have public restrooms. The City Council will vote on the recommendations in November.

**New Business:**

**November Reorganization.** Board elections and reorganization will be in November.

**Chamber Membership Discussion:** The CDA will be renewing their membership.

**Good of the order:**

Third Thursday in October, Dawn will have holiday taste testing. Live music every Third Thursday. Hubbub and the Shady Lady will be open.

Reliable is having an open house on Thursday for their new foster care program. Reliable will be opening low income housing for single adults, veterans, and people with development disabilities.

**Adjournment**

7:09 Tory Graf, Kristi Vrooman, second, all in favor

Next Board Meeting: November 6, 6 pm Rectangle Gallery

Next General Meeting: November 20, 6 pm Centralia Square