



**City of Mount Airy Downtown / Small Business Development Committee
Meeting Minutes**

February 3, 2021 - 12:00PM
Virtual Meeting via Cisco Webex

Member(s) Present:			
Marie Wood (Chair)	Lizzie Morrison	Teresa Leiva	Christopher Cook
Will Sheppard	Lenise Lynch	Nathan Bond	
Member(s) Absent:			
Holli Nowlin	Eve Trotter		
Staff & Guest(s) Present:			
Carolyn Hegler (Host)	Andy Goodall	Ben Barcroft	Barbara Jones
Ron Niland	Mitch Williams (Guest Speaker)		

- I. Call to Order**
Commissioner Wood called the meeting to order at 12:02PM.
- II. Introduction of Guest Speaker**
Ms. Wood introduced Mitch Williams (Interim Public Works Director / City Engineer) to the committee.
- III. Municipal Parking & Services Presentation**
Mr. Williams provided a slide show presentation of the various public parking lots in the municipal service district, that include the Virginia Street, Old North State, Moore Avenue, Post Office and Willow / Franklin Street parking lots. Included in the presentation was the total number of spaces in each lot, when each was constructed and photographs (before and after). Mr. Williams provided in detail the potential for rehabilitating the Willow / Franklin Street parking lot that was formerly known as the Dixie Street parking lot. This included a

complete redesign of the lot that included a multi-use structure that could house a permanent farmer's market.

IV. Roundtable Discussion of Presentation

Ms. Wood asked about trash issues with additional restaurants opening up in the vicinity. Mr. Williams showed the group pictures of where a dumpster enclosure is proposed in the Willow Street parking lot to provide a dedicated space for restaurant trash bins. He also showed the plans (1977) for a previous enclosure that was used for many years. Ms. Wood opened up the discussion to the committee.

Discussion amongst the committee included the size of the area for a conceptual farmer's market, using a structure for other functions and events and different locations for a farmer's market. Committee members were receptive to the idea of a multi-use structure in the Downtown that could provide a permanent home for the farmer's market.

Additional discussions involved different options for the Willow Street parking lot including resurfacing and landscaping vs a complete redo.

Ms. Morrison updated the group about the public hearing for the hotel project at Spencer's Mill and how everyone could provide comment on the project.

V. Future Meeting Plan and Presentations

The next committee was set for February 10, 2021 at 12:00PM via Webex. Chief Watson will be the guest speaker.

VI. Adjournment

At 12:56PM, Ms. Wood adjourned the meeting.