

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
CITY OF FRANKLIN CITY COMMISSION**

October 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

**Franklin City Hall
117 West Cedar Street
Franklin, Kentucky**

The Franklin City Commission held a Special Called Meeting and Downtown Community Walk at **10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 11, 2021**, City Hall which began in the meeting room located at 117 West Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky.

Members attending were as follows:

Mayor Larry Dixon	Present
Commissioner Brownie Bennett	Present
Commissioner Herbert Williams	Present
Commissioner Jamie Powell	Present
Commissioner Wendell Stewart	Present

Others present included City Finance Director Carol Riggerbach, City Manager Kenton Powell, Community Development Director Tammie Carey, City Clerk Cathy Dillard, Public Works Scheduler Steve Akin, Public Works Superintendent Darrell Mallory and Lisa Deavers, Executive Director of Gallery on the Square

Mayor Larry Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and Kenton Powell offered an opening prayer.

City Manager Kenton Powell and Community Development Director led the Commission on a Community Walk in the Downtown area.

The first stop was the Public Parking Lot located on the corner of High Street and West Madison Street. The lot was leased from a local owner and the City sealed the asphalt, erected a privacy fence between the lot and Donald’s repair shop, placed flower pots, planted decorative shrubs between the lot and the apartment building and erected barriers to prohibit auto traffic down the alley. This Public Parking Lot led to the alley beside The Brickyard Café which now offers outdoor seating, a mural, and planter boxes.

The next stop on the walk was in front of one of the new benches placed downtown. All of the downtown benches, except one, has a benefactor or sponsor. The benches are a welcome addition around the square.

The Commission moved on to West Kentucky Avenue where Steve Akin, Public Works Scheduler, talked about the new trash can bonnets and the trash removal schedule for downtown. The trash can bonnets keep rainwater from collecting in the trash cans making them easier to empty and maintain. In addition, Akin talked about the parking lot striping schedule that would ensure the downtown parking remained properly maintained.

Moving east down Kentucky Street, Tammie Carey talked about the next sidewalk project which would take place next to Leach & Cummins Law Office. A similar project was completed on Madison Street next to Willow Hill Marketplace. The group then talked about the "dumpster project" for the businesses located on Main Street that backed up to the Justice Center. Two small dumpsters were painted and placed at each end of the Art Alley allowing consolidation of trash pickup and no longer having individual containers.

Lisa Deavers, Executive Director of the Gallery on the Square talked about the Art Alley. The alley renovation has been a long-term project which began with replacement of old utility poles and lines. Utility work had left the asphalt in the alley in poor condition and brick pavers were installed this spring. Downtown businesses that have back entryways and windows in the alley are working with F-S Renaissance for grant funding to replace deteriorating windows and doorways. Renaissance has also provided trash receptacles in the alley. Since these improvements, the alleyway now stays free of trash and debris.

City Manager Kenton Powell indicated the next alleyway project would be between Cedar Street and Madison Street. The progression will begin with utility pole replacement and brick pavers. After the new Police Station is built, planning will begin to determine the best use of this space.

Moving west on Madison Street the completed sidewalk project next to Willow Hill Marketplace was discussed and City Manager Kenton Powell discussed the need for a defined crosswalk on Main Street at the Madison Street crossing. Powell asked the group to notice the antique light fixtures that remain in place after demolition of the old Carter Moore Hospital, these lights are still in good working order.


The group walked north on Main Street into the alley which is behind the businesses and offices on Cedar Street and progresses east to the Regions Bank drive-thru. Tammie Carey indicated this alleyway was also a targeted location for consolidation of numerous trash containers to a dumpster. The City plans to install a pneumatic tube with video accessibility to allow Franklin Municipal Utility customers to have direct access to drive thru services at City Hall.


The Downtown Community Walk ended at the rear entrance to City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:58 AM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adjourn the special called meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: All members present. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously.


Larry Dixon, Mayor
City of Franklin, Kentucky


Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
City of Franklin, Kentucky