

**Corner Renaissance**  
Board of Directors  
January 12, 2016 ◦ **DRAFT** Regular Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:**

Dr. Tonia Aiken-Taylor  
Debbie Dial  
Morgan Fann  
Ray Herndon  
Susie Reed  
John Joe Salazar

**Member Absent:**

Rev. Robin McGhee-Frazier

**Others Present:**

Doug Polen, Main Street Coordinator

**Call to Order & Invocation**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Invocation was performed by Dr. Aiken-Taylor.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting made by Ms. Reed, seconded by Dr. Aiken-Taylor. Motion passed 6-0.

**Main Street Coordinator Comments**

Mr. Polen explained that he wanted to discuss some items prior to new business. Mr. Polen met with Beppie LeGrand, Manager of Main Street South Carolina, the morning of January 12. At the meeting the Downtown Development Association was discussed extensively. Of primary importance of Ms. Legrand was ensuring that the association was focused on the downtown area delineated in the Main Street application. The Board of Directors expressed assent that that was true and would be the focus of the association.

Mr. Polen went over the baseline study to be performed by Main Street South Carolina. The study will take place January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Directors will be interviewed January 27 at 10:15 a.m. Two large public input sessions will be held as well, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

**New Business**

*a. Name of Organization*

After much discussion and various suggestions, the Board chose to name the association Corner Renaissance. The motion to accept the name was made by Ms. Reed and seconded by Ms. Dial. Motion passed 6-0.

*b. Mission*

Following suggestions and discussion, the Board decided upon a mission statement: "To preserve and attract downtown business by bringing visitors and residents to Main Street and giving them an experience to remember." The motion to accept the mission was made by Mr. Herndon and seconded by Ms. Dial. Motion passed 6-0.

c. *Bylaws*

The Board and Mr. Polen read through the bylaws of Summerville DREAM, a non-profit downtown development association. It was decided to accept the majority of Summerville DREAM's verbiage, with the following changes:

Article III

Section 1 – The Board shall consist of seven members

Section 2 – Board members shall serve for three years, but initially half of the Board shall serve for two years, so that membership will be staggered.

Section 4 – Any member who misses more than 25% of the meetings without an excuse may be removed as a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 6 – Removed

Section 9 – Proxy voting shall be allowed. Electronic or remote voting shall be allowed

Section 10 – Removed

Article IV

Section 3.d – Treasurer shall be an ex officio member

Any other changes as required by legal counsel.

Mr. Polen will speak to legal counsel and bring revised bylaws to the February meeting.

d. *Duties of Board Members*

Duties were discussed. Primarily, the Board members will lead the committees, recruit volunteers, and seek buy-in from Main Street businesses.

e. *Plan Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is set for Tuesday, February 23 at 5:30. The agenda will consist of:

1. Reviewing of baseline study performed by Main Street South Carolina
2. Selection of Officers
3. Review of Bylaws
4. Scheduling & Agenda for next full meeting of Corner Renaissance

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Salazar, seconded by Dr. Aiken-Taylor. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.