



Downtown Arlington Business Association

Member Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2017

6PM- 7PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

Opening Business:

- Meeting Called to Order at 6:05 pm and the Member Quorum was confirmed.
- Member and Board Roll Call and Introductions – Members and Board introduced themselves – 16 in attendance.
- President’s Minute and Award of 2017 Mary Anderson DABA President Award – President Kathleen Shalan announced that Vice-President Dana Fowler is the recipient of the 2017 Mary Anderson DABA President Award and thanked Dana for here many hours of volunteering and working with Past President Mike Britt when DABA was ready to collapse and bringing it back to the strong organization it now is. She reflected on Dana’s work on the Viking Fest, Downtown Arlington Show & Shine and the Tourism Brochure. Dana was presented with a certificate of award and a gift for her years of service.
- Previous Meetings Minutes – The Minutes of the November 1, 2017 Member meeting were approved by Motion of Quinlan and Britt– All in Favor – Motion Carried
- Secretary/Treasurer Report –
 - Bank Balance of \$10,498.17
 - Membership – Currently have 108 members

New Business:

- DABA Student Scholarship for 2018 - The members discussed the many pros and cons toward establishing an annual student scholarship from DABA. Rich Senff explained that this could be coordinated through the Arlington Dollars for Scholars group and could be focused on students working towards a business degree through Everett Community College or Skagit Valley Community College.

Motion was made by Britt and Parris/White to have an \$1000.00 DABA Student Scholarship in 2018 and coordinate it through the Arlington Dollars for Scholars Program. Motion Carried.

- Donation to Arlington High School Band for New Uniforms- There was significant interest in making a donation to the Band for new uniforms, but the membership asked that a representative be present to field some questions. Cristy will request that Jen Eggers or another of the group that is working on this attend the January meeting.

Old Business –

- 2018 LTAC Grant Applications - Cristy reported that DABA withdrew the application for Viking Fest and that all other Grant Applications received favorable recommendations for approval.

Committee Updates:

- Hometown Holiday - There was a general discussion, and everyone thought it was a tremendous success.

Closing Business:

DABA Board Elections for 2018 – President Kathleen reviewed the following nominees for the 2018 Board –

Lisa Cisneros - President

Kathleen Shalan – Vice President

Secretary – Jammi Parris

Treasurer – Cristy Brubaker

Board #1 – Richard Senff

Board #2 – Bill Dettrich

There being no additions to the ballot – It was motioned by Mike Britt to accept the ballot as presented and elect those listed to the Board for 2018. Motion was seconded by Andrea White. All in favor - motion carried.

Councilman Mike Hopson: Councilman Hopson shared with the group that he along with some other councilmembers took note when Mike Britt again voiced concerns regarding the condition of the merchants parking lot in the 300 block of North Olympic and they are working to get funding for improvements in the next budget. He also asked for feedback regarding tax credits for property owners/developers who upgrade their businesses and add low-moderate rentals in the downtown. This tax credit would be on the structure only and a limited time frame of perhaps 12 years. This led to a healthy discussion where issues relating to parking, a desire by some to preserve and restore the small-town heritage we have and issues relating to signs. It was clear that the consensus was that before we build more we need to make sure our foundation is good. It was hoped that future similar discussion will occur.

President Kathleen Shalan thanked Councilmember Hopson for attending and stated it was nice to have a Council that would be supportive of DABA.

Perfectly Knotty: Suzi Quinlan shared that she will be sending another care package to a group of Navy SeaBees (Construction Battalion) if anyone would like to contribute color books, coloring pencils, condiment packets and letters she would be happy to include them. Even 3 x 5 cards with notes are appreciated. You can contact her at Perfectly Knotty.

Eagle Festival February 2-3, 2018: Sarah Lopez, Community Revitalization Manager from the City of Arlington asked if DABA would be interested in sponsoring Wagon Rides for the Eagle Festival. It was decided that the Board would discuss this and let the City know.

Since this was our last meeting for 2017 – the meeting was closed with refreshments and door prizes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Cristy L. Brubaker

Secretary/Treasurer