

10/21/24 Minutes

**Call to Order:** 6:00pm, meeting called to order by Dana Florenza

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll-Call:** Dana Florenza, Brian Coppolo, Gino DiGiovanni, Carleigh Paecht, Karleen Guluzzy

**Approval of August Meeting Minutes:** Gino motions to approve, Karleen seconds.

**Public Portion:** Paul Stefano asks how many committees have been formed aside from us in relation to the Sterling Opera House. Gino explains that currently there is only one committee, ourselves, and explains the terms of the committee. This is our first meeting since being appointed by the Board of Alderman in their September meeting.

**Election of Officers:** Gino nominates to elect Dana as chair. Karleen seconds. None opposed. Dana nominates to elect Brian as vice chair. Gino seconds. None opposed. Dana and Brian are officially chair and vice chair.

**Old Business:** Revisiting collaboration with the Twisted Vine restaurant. Mike Picone discusses partnering with the committee to possibly do historical tours of downtown Derby, mentioning that there has been more foot traffic in the area due to the new apartments nearby. Karleen discusses having a list of ideas for a walking tour. We discuss using social media such as Facebook as a marketing tool when the time comes.

Updating on the RFP, Gino explains how Mary Welander secured a grant for us to put toward a feasibility study. An RFP was written and ultimately sent to Corporation Counsel. We are hoping for the RFP to be on the next BOA meeting agenda in the next few weeks. Matt Welander gave Dana a list of architects in the state.

**New Business:** Dave updates us on the 501c3 status. He states that the original corporation was setup as a stock corporation, which can't be turned into a 501c3. A new corporation is in the process of being setup the correct way. Also mentioned was director's insurance, which will need to be secured once the corporation is set up.

**Adjournment:** 6:46pm, Gino motions to adjourn, Brian seconds.