

Duval Street Committee Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2009
2:00 p.m.

Present: Jimmy Weekley, Chairman
Perry Johnston, Co- Chairman
Roger McVeigh
Christine Russell
Joan George
Gloria Sellers
Vivian Perez, Administrative Assistant Mayor and City Commission

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Chairman Weekley thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the presentation that is being providing by IBI Group.

Chairman Weekley gave a quick brief history on how Duval Street Committee was formed he explained that in January, 2008 the Mayor held a Duval Street summit and from that Summit a group of volunteers formed the committee and have been meeting and discussing different ideas for Duval Street.

Chairman Weekley explained that nothing has been done to Duval Street, which he believes is the main street of Key West, since 1975 or 1976. Chairman Weekley thinks the City should be focusing on inviting the City's residents to participate in the activities that happen along Duval Street but unfortunately there are a number of locals that refuse to go to Duval Street and on thing Chairman Weekley would like is try to figure out why that is and what can you the City do to improve the experience of Duval Street particularly for the residents.

Chairman Weekley has a philosophy if the residents enjoy it then our visitors will enjoy it just as much.

Chairman Weekley explained that Duval Street Committee invited IBI Group to help with visioning help on Duval Street. Chairman Weekley stressed that IBI Group is doing this in a volunteer capacity. Chairman Weekley hopes that after this presentation it will draw up much excitement about Duval Street where the Committee can start to move forward in beautification projects of Duval Street along with other opportunities for Duval Street that would benefit the economic stability of the community and in the long run overall the City Commission will adopt the Duval Street Committee's vision and will find ways in which to bring the vision about for the future of Key West.

Chairman Weekley introduced Russell Moore, IBI Group who explained that IBI Group has been working with Carolann Sharkey and the Botanical Gardens for a few years and also worked on the Scenic Highway with Monroe County.

Mr. Moore stated that IBI Group specializes in revitalizing of downtown historic areas.

The power point presentation was presented by Russell Moore, Richard Durr and Kurt Easton of IBI Group. The presentation is hereto attached and made part of the minutes.

The game plan for the presentation is to go over some of the other projects that IBI Group has done in other communities and then open up the floor to questions and answer session in order to find out what the issues are and what is to be accomplished the easiest and most efficient way.

Mr. Moore introduced Richard Durr; Mr. Durr explained the process for a street escape master planning and designing master planning process along with some examples during the power point presentation. Mr. Dunn also stated that during this point/process you would look at what funding is potential out there i.e. local, county, state, and federal and grants. This process will help with the phasing of the project. Mr. Durr explained this stage as a visual preference study and includes the public with workshops.

Mr. Durr introduced Kurt Easton; Mr. Easton explained the process how to design an urban master plan for an entire City with the context of a streetscape.

The next meeting was not set Chairman Weekley will contact Vivian Perez and set the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 3:36 p.m.

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