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**STANTON CITY COMMISSION
& DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Special Work Session Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2018, 5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by DDA Chairperson Brandon Stowell

Tree Committee members present: Jane Basom, Commissioner; Charles Miel, Commissioner, Brandon Stowell, DDA Board Member; Diane Lowell, DDA Board Member; Warren Wells, DDA Board Member

Also present: City Manager Bill Cousins

Members absent: Mary Thomas, Resident; Ken Burris, Mayor and DDA Board Member

2. Agenda Approval

No changes were made to the agenda

3. Public Comments and/or Questions

There was no public comment

4. Downtown Tree Discussion

- City Commissioner Basom suggested just a few species of trees be planted in the downtown, both on Main Street and where the Pear trees had been removed. She suggested looking at the trees recommended by Prein & Newhof - 'Skyline' Honey Locust, 'Princeton Sentry' Ginkgo and 'Jeffersred' Autumn Blaze Maple. Each block should be closely reviewed to insure the right tree is planted in the right location. She stated the Japanese Lilacs could stay for now and be looked at during a future review of the downtown area.
- DDA Chair Stowell stated that the trees should be fast growing tall trees so that the downtown is well covered by shade. The streetscape will be much more appealing with tall trees lining the downtown.
- DDA Member Wells wanted to be sure that the business owners be involved in the new plan so their businesses are not adversely affected by the plantings in front of their stores.
- DDA Member Lowell said she has had customers in her store note that they did not know the store existed until the trees in front of her store were cut down.

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- Commissioner Miel noted that trees create placemaking and a comfort area for shoppers.
- Commissioner Basom recommended that no trees be planted in the large landscaped areas.
- DDA Member Wells said he uses large wooden (whiskey) barrels at his store which look good and do not cost much to purchase.
- DDA Chair Stowell suggested that we look at the trees on Lafayette Street in Greenville – they are tall and provide good shade on the sidewalk.
- Commissioner Basom said we could ask people to sponsor a planter and have their name on a plaque attached to the planter.
- Manager Cousins noted that with trees downtown, traffic speeds tend to be slower, there is less runoff of storm water and people spend more time in the downtown area.
- The committee agreed that the downtown needs to be reviewed business-by-business and block-by block to find the right fit for the right trees.
- The committee also agreed to get photos of the downtown together for the next meeting along with a list of possible trees to plant.
- Commissioner Basom suggested that the plan be focused on Camburn first, then East Main followed by West Main.
- The committee set the next meeting for August 1st at 5:00 p.m.

5. Public Comment –

There was no public.

6. Adjournment –

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Meeting notes taken by Bill Cousins, City Manager