



***Historic Downtown Plano Association Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2016, 9:00 am  
Event1013***

- I. Call to Order—Jeff Bergus, Vice President
  - A. Mirna Lynch, President, out because husband, Bob, had a stroke; gave email address for Mirna for well wishes
  - B. Mona, Chairman, out-healing
  
- II. Old Business
  - A. Police report—Officer Chris Semrau, Plano Police Department
    - 1. Arrests made last month were mostly due to alcohol related incidents
    - 2. Kids/teenagers shot BB gun at several businesses around town; no suspect caught
    - 3. Urged businesses to install cameras this year
    - 4. Open carry now legal; can contact him with any questions
    - 5. Businesses have the right to refuse open carry customers; can notify them verbally or in writing (signage)
    - 6. Call officer for any suspicious behavior; err on the side of caution
    - 7. HDPA to discuss open carry signage for businesses in downtown
    - 8. Businesses and homeowners can register their security cameras with the Plano PD on their website to aid in catching criminal activity
    - 9. Parking passes will be available later in the month; use old ones for now
  - B. Dine, Drink, Shop 2015 Recap—Bonnie Shea
    - 1. Raised approx. \$1,500
    - 2. Merchants contributed 15% of their sales December 9<sup>th</sup>
  - C. Finance Report, HDPA Fiscal Year 2015—Barbara Minchillo, Treasurer
    - 1. December revenue, \$1,530
    - 2. Very little in expenses
    - 3. Ending the year with \$15,817
    - 4. Overall income for 2015, \$64,226
    - 5. Overall expenses for 2015, \$56,415
  
- III. New Business
  - A. Bonnie Shea introduced new board members
    - 1. Introduced new Executive Director, Alex Hargis
    - 2. Will be full time; he specializes in nonprofits
    - 3. Started career with City of Plano
    - 4. His email addresses are [alexhargis@gmail.com](mailto:alexhargis@gmail.com) for now
  - B. Outstanding Service Award Presentation—Jeff Bergus
    - 1. Mona Lisa Ringel, first recipient of new annual award for Outstanding Service
    - 2. Will now be known as the Mona Lisa award
  - C. 2016 Event Schedule
    - 1. Chips on 15—Friday, March 25

2. Night Out on 15<sup>th</sup>—Sunday, May 22
  3. ArtFest—Saturday, September 17
  4. SteinFest—Saturday, October 29
- D. HDPA Membership Dues—Jeff Bergus
1. End of the month deadline for membership dues, \$100 each
  2. PID owners do not have to pay dues
  3. Residents can pay \$25 to join
  4. Go to visitdowntownplano.com to pay dues and fill out form for membership
  5. Bring a buddy on to membership rolls
  6. EventBrite was down earlier; should be updated shortly
- E. Utilities Update—Peter Braster, Asst. Director of Special Projects for the City of Plano
1. Update on Metro Center South Project at K Ave. and 14<sup>th</sup> Street
  2. Southern Land has purchased the property; no longer owned by the City
  3. Utility reconstruction beginning soon
  4. Demolition begins in February
  5. Some businesses will be affected; mainly for electric and cable
  6. Alex will be liaison between City projects and HDPA members
  7. Revamping construction project so that 15<sup>th</sup> Street will not be closed at any time
  8. Intersections will be addressed and bricks redone after Metro Center South Project
  9. La Foofaraw tree may be lost due to fire code and access; Toni Farris suggested HDPA put pressure on Fire Department to save trees
- F. McCall Plaza Update—Michelle Hawkins, Administrator of Arts, Culture and Heritage for the City of Plano
1. Opening McCall Plaza either in March or April
  2. Wants to host a Taste of Plano; calling on downtown restaurants to participate
- G. Heritage Commission Site Assessments—Alex Hargis
1. Assessments will be conducted January 19-20, 2016
  2. Alex will be liaison to Heritage Commission and will be coordinating and attending assessments
- H. Business Items for Next Meeting
1. Open carry vs. concealed carry followup
  2. Bhavesh Mittal, Heritage Preservation Officer with the Heritage Commission, will hold a training course from 8:00-1:00 on January 30<sup>th</sup> at Event1013 pertaining to remodeling of historic properties and the tax incentives for doing so; will discuss eligibility for such projects

IV. Next General Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 9:00 am held at Event1013

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