

**MINUTES-SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
MARCH 2, 2011**

A Special Meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 5:36 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1500 Blowing Rock Road. Mayor Loretta Clawson presided. Council members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Lynne Mason, Stephen Phillips, Jamie Leigh, and Rennie Brantz. Town staff in attendance were Town Manager Greg Young and Deputy Clerk Kim Brown. Town Attorney Sam Furguele was also in attendance.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON DOWNTOWN AMENITIES

Mary Baker, Executive Director of the DBDA, appeared before the Council to request direction and approval for the placement of the following downtown amenities: pedestrian signs, a kiosk, and bench locations. She also requested approval from the Council for the design of the wall-mounted pedestrian signs. After discussion of the various suggested locations for the pedestrian signs, kiosk, and benches, it was the consensus of the Council to stagger the locations of the amenities throughout the Municipal Service District area, including the placement of two pedestrian signs along Howard Street. Ms. Baker pointed out that once the locations are approved, an easement agreement will need to be executed with the property owners so that the Town can install and maintain the signs. In regard to the copyright release issue, Town Attorney Sam Furguele has created a copyright release that will need to be executed by the sign company. Council Member Leigh suggested that a portion of the remaining funds budgeted for downtown amenities be used for putting more flowers in the downtown area in both containers and hanging baskets. Council approved, by consensus, the design of the wall-mounted pedestrian signs. Upon a motion by Council Member Brantz, seconded by Council Member Mason, the following proposed locations for pedestrian signs, the kiosk, and benches were approved, contingent upon the receipt of the executed copyright release:

Pedestrian Signs (8)

1. Custard Depot, Corner of Howard and Depot Streets.
2. King & College Apartments, Corner of King and Appalachian Streets.
3. King Street, across from First Baptist Church of Boone.
4. Mast Store, King Street beside Jones House.
5. Town Hall.
6. Behind Paolucci's Restaurant, on the north side of Howard Street.
7. Farmer's Hardware, SW Corner of King and Depot Streets.
8. Old Heilig-Meyer's building, corner of King and Water Streets.

Kiosk (1) - Old Bus Stop between Post Office and Melanie's Restaurant.

Benches (4)

1. Mast General Store.
2. Macado's Restaurant.
3. Old Heilig-Meyers building.
4. Downtown Boone Fire Station.

VOTE: Aye - All

Nay - None

Absent - 1 (Ball)

PRESENTATION OF DBDA QUARTERLY REPORT

Prior to the meeting, Mary Baker distributed copies of the Budget vs. Actual Profit and Loss Statement and a detailed General Ledger for the period of July 1, 2010 through March 2, 2011 via email to Mayor Clawson, Council and Town Manager Greg Young. Council Member Leigh pointed out discrepancies within the information, particularly regarding funding for the Doc Watson Sculpture project. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the funding budgeted for the Doc Watson Sculpture project, specifically the fact that funding was allocated for the project after the budget was approved by the Town Council. Ms. Baker stated that she will come before Council from this point forward to request an amendment to the approved budget if it is necessary. Ms. Baker informed the Council that the Doc Watson Sculpture project is proposed to be placed in the greenspace area on the corner of King and Depot Streets, which is owned by

di Santi, Watson, Capua & Wilson, Attorneys at Law. She also explained that the DBDA will own the sculpture but will have an easement with the property owner for the installation and maintenance of the sculpture. Council Member Leigh asked about the allocation of salaries for projects and MSD. She pointed out that funding for salaries has only been listed under MSD, not for such projects as the Art Crawl or the Doc Watson project. Upon a motion by Council Member Mason, seconded by Council Member Phillips, Council moved to approve the proposed DBDA Budget January 1, 2011-June 30, 2011 (**Exhibit A, attached**) with the amount of funding allocated for the Doc Watson Sculpture (\$2,836) being reallocated back into the facade grants funding line, and that if the DBDA wants to pursue funding for the Doc Watson Sculpture through MSD funding, it must come back before the Council to make that request. Council Member Leigh stated that she feels the Council is being irresponsible to approve tax funds that are budgeted in this manner.

VOTE:Aye - 3 (Phillips, Mason, Brantz)

Nay - 1 (Leigh)

Absent - 1 (Ball)

SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL MEETINGS - FURTHER DISCUSSION OF MSD/DBDA ISSUES

Upon a motion by Council Member Brantz, seconded by Council Member Mason, Council moved to schedule a special meeting for Monday, March 21, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in order to continue discussion of MSD/DBDA issues.

VOTE:Aye - All

Nay - None

Absent - 1 (Ball)

Upon a motion by Council Member Mason, seconded by Council Member Brantz, Council moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

VOTE:Aye - All

Nay - None

Absent - 1 (Ball)

Deputy Clerk

Mayor