

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE

April 14, 2025

The April 14, 2025 Downtown Committee meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Tom Karcher, Chairperson. Downtown Committee members present were Tom Karcher, Marc Mays, Scott Moore, Zach Morral, and Kate Niederkohr. Nicole Morris and Graham Treadway were absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Kyle Treadway, Traum Brewing; Brittney Walton, Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce Director; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the March 10, 2025 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Downtown Committee member, were approved as received.

Mr. Kyle Treadway, Traum Brewing, 126 South Sandusky Avenue, presented a site plan for a temporary patio to be located on the sidewalk in front of his business and the adjacent properties located at 124 South Sandusky Avenue and 128 South Sandusky Avenue in the area closest to the curb and between the planters, trees, street signs, etc. The patio space will include six (6) café style tables with four (4) chairs per table with the patio space boundary lines to be chained with the chains attached to beer kegs filled with water. Mr. Treadway noted that a walkway approximately seven foot (7') wide would be maintained between the businesses and the patio area, and the patio would only be available during Traum Brewing business hours being Thursdays and Fridays from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and the patio would not be set up during certain events unless and City and the event organizers have no objections. Mr. Treadway indicated that the Ohio Division of Liquor Control conducts a compliance inspection annually and a representative from the agency has discussed this idea with him and he was informed that patrons would be permitted to take glasses into the patio area. Signage would be posted to the kegs for the DORA.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the request from Mr. Kyle Treadway, Traum Brewing, for a temporary patio as described, pending review by Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Brittney Walton, Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Downtown Committee on behalf of Angeline and requested permission for a waiver from the food truck regulations and allow food trucks to set up in front of their location at 210 North Sandusky Avenue in celebration of their 50th anniversary on Thursday, August 21, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Mays, to approve the waiver from the food truck regulations and allow food trucks to set up in front of Angeline, 210 North Sandusky Avenue, on Thursday, August 21, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Walton reported that the Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce's Spring Fling will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the Safety Committee has approved the closure of South Sandusky Avenue, between Wyandot Avenue and Johnson Street; and East Walker Street, between North Sandusky Avenue and North Fifth Street; and Court Street as part of the event. Mrs. Walton noted that fifteen (15) food trucks will be participating in the Spring Fling.

Mrs. Walton also reported that the Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce's 1st Thursday events will begin on May 1, 2025.

Mr. Mays reported that the orange and black flags, representing the Upper Sandusky Schools colors, that will be hung in the downtown area have been ordered from Kimmel Corporation.

Mr. Mays also reported that the Wyandot Classics and Cruisers have expressed interest in helping with the expense of speakers to be placed in the downtown area. A representative from Vaughn Industries has looked at the downtown area and indicated that they may have a wireless option for the speakers. A quote from Vaughn Industries is expected soon.

Mr. Morral inquired about the status of the closure of the alley between 116 and 120 North Sandusky Avenue and the possibility of proceeding with the placement of furniture in this alley as \$11,500.00 is still needed for wall repairs and painting of the north side of the building located at 116 North Sandusky Avenue. Mr. Morral noted that the Young Professionals have approved payment for the purchase of furniture and Edison lighting for the alley. It was noted that cleaning the alley will need to be addressed also. Downtown Committee members agreed that the installation of the barriers should proceed. Mr. Morral will obtain prices for Edison lights and again check with Mr. Mike Hill, Upper Fire Systems, 120 North Sandusky Avenue, and Mr. Kip Wentling, Richardson's Flowers, 116 North Sandusky Avenue, to make sure they are still willing to allow anchors to be installed on their buildings for the Edison lights. Mr. Morral again noted that Mr. Hill is willing to provide the electricity for the lights and he only wants to work with Harris Electric. It was noted that members of the Downtown Committee looked at the area at the east end of the alley along North Sandusky Avenue and believe that three (3) extended cab pick-up truck parking spaces and one (1) compact car parking space could be created in this area.

Mr. Morral suggested painting sidewalks in the downtown area with ram heads or something that represents Upper Sandusky. Considerable discussion was held regarding this suggestion including the possibility of decals. The possibility of the Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce initially having a contest to paint the sidewalks at the four corners of the main intersection, being Sandusky Avenue and Wyandot Avenue, was mentioned. Mrs. Niederkohr will discuss this matter with Mrs. Brittney Walton and she will contact A-1 Printing regarding decals.

Mayor McColly indicated that the wayfinding sign to be located at the northeast corner of the intersection of North Sandusky Avenue and East Walker Street has been ordered.

It was noted that on Monday, May 19, 2025 the Rotary Club members and St. Peter's 7th grade students will be planting flowers in the flower pots in the downtown area.

Mayor McColly reported that a representative from Pyrotechnico needs to look at the site in Harrison Smith Park for the discharge of the fireworks to be held on Thursday, July 3, 2025 before proceeding with plans for the event.

Mayor McColly also reported that the Amvets building located at 108 East Walker Street has sold and the park located adjacent to the building at the northeast corner of North Sandusky Avenue and East Walker Street will be deeded over to the City.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Tom Karcher, Chairperson