

Meeting of the Main Street Design Committee
Thursday, November 12, 2009
Cheeky Monkeys, Kent St, Portland, MI

Present: Kathy Parsons, Georgie Trappen, Patrick Reagan

Meeting called to order at 1:45 pm.

Patrick reported solid interest for façade services from 2 business owners. Patrick will work with those building owners to get them hooked up with necessary trainings and begin the application process with each.

Bids for way finding signs are out and Patrick said the bids are not back yet.

Members discussed facilitating more projects from building- and business owners, because money is an issue. For example, a business owner would like to re-do a façade done last year by the building owner under the program. The building owner did not use all of the \$5,000 available to them at the time. Kathy and Tom will review the building owners' plans and payment for last year's allotment and building- and business owners' needs in this economy and adapting the program accordingly.

Georgie has done the background work she needed to contact the Howell Main Street program for them to come and put on a seminar. The goal is to write the program in time to utilize next year, and if there is interest this year and façade grant money is unspent, asking the DDA to allow us to slide \$1,000 over for 2 sign grants of \$500 each. Georgie will contact them for a seminar on design and production in January.

Meeting adjourned 2:25 pm.