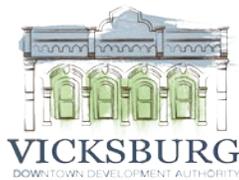




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Call to order: 5:56 pm, Chairman John Debault.

1. **Roll Call.** Present: Fawn Callen, John Debault, Jackie Koney, Jim Mallery, Julie Merrill, Mary Ruple. Guests: Rudy Callen (arrived 6:01 pm), Kristina Powers Aubry, Charlie Church, Wanda Myrick, Tim Frisbie, John Kern, Bill Oswalt, Colin Bailey, Patty Brown, Paul French, Ted Vlieg, Mike Oswalt, Syd Bastos, Lisa Beams, Mike Moore, Gail Reisterer, Warren Lawrence, Linda Adams, Denny Olson, Karen Nay, Jim Shaw, Jenny McKillop, Steve McCowan, James Earl, Sue Moore. Absent: Bill Adams, Laura Howard, Didik Soekermoen.
2. **Discussion: DDA Accomplishments.** Callen shared that the DDA has two upcoming events in the village. Hidden Vicksburg will take place on October 7th and Christmas in the Village will take place on December 2nd. Current programs that the DDA is offering to the DDA district include façade grant and loan programs. The façade loan program can also include interior work. Finally, Callen shared that the DDA is in the process of recruiting new members, redefining its committees, and working with the village to define the DDA boundaries.
3. **Discussion: Village of Vicksburg Accomplishments.** Mallery shared that the village of Vicksburg is currently reviewing its past year and possible ways to move forward in the future. Some lessons learned include improvement in core government and the need for capital improvements within the village. Some expectations that they have of the Village Council include being better stewards of taxpayer money and being more transparent in their actions. Mallery continued to explain that this year the village went to a cash pooling system and an activity-based budget instead of a line item budget. In the future, the village would like to focus on a motor pool fund.
4. **Discussion: DDA Project Updates.** Beams explain that the VCAC has had quite a busy year. The now feature special exhibits, have new artist exhibits, have added the coffee house concert series, and have hosted a children's summer art camp. The VCAC has also moved locations and are currently in the process of renovating their permanent location. They are currently in the process of pursuing their 501c(3) status which would gain them their independence from the Vicksburg DDA. In the future, they will focus on more private funding, offering classes, and moving into their permanent location.
5. **Discussion: Future DDA Plans.** Koney discussed that in addition to the other future plans already discussed. The DDA will place a stronger emphasis on placemaking. In addition to providing a definition of placemaking, Koney shared her ideas and asked for the ideas and interest of others. It is the goal of Koney and the DDA to make Vicksburg and its spaces more livable.



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- 6. Discussion: Vicksburg Vision Campaign.** Callen shared that in the last year, the Vicksburg DDA was so successful with the Vision Campaign Golf Outing that they were able to raise money for parking and way finding signs for the downtown district. Callen also explained that the DDA are still the stewards of the Vision Capital Campaign funds, but these will be transferred to the village of Vicksburg in the near future.
- 7. Member Comments.** Members commented about how happy they were about the turnout and welcomed the questions and comments of the public.
- 8. Public Comments.** Several members of the Village Council and the public commented how much they enjoyed the annual meeting and are pleased in the work that has been done by the DDA in the past year.
- 9. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned promptly at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ruple
DDA Secretary