



*The Shopping District*

## Maintenance/Capital Improvement Committee

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 8:00 AM

Members: Quintal (Chair), Fehan, Pohlod, Roberts, Ceresnie

Staff: Tighe, Jurek, Laird, Wood

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. PRESENT: Quintal, Ceresnie, Pohlod, Fehan
- b. ABSENT: Roberts, Wood
- c. ADMINISTRATION: Tighe, Laird, Jurek

### 2. Holiday decorating:

- a. **Merrill Street lighting** – Discussed that Merrill Streets lighting was installed December 16, 2018. The vendor ran out of time during his installation of lights and the BSD received a prorated price for the shortage of strings.
- b. **Downtown lights** - the City and BSD have received a lot of positive feedback on the downtown holiday lighting. Great job done by the DPS crew! (See attached email.)
- c. **Holiday tree** – the committee unanimously voted to extend the holiday tree 6 feet higher and authorized the purchase of the tree extensions, pending formal board approval. This is a sole source purchase as the current vendor has to provide the extension for the specific type and brand of tree that we have.

### 3. Flowers and planters in 2019:

- a. The committee will continue the current planter and flower plan used in 2018. Feedback from the committee was that the flowers and planters looked great this past year.
- b. The committee will put out a RFP for flower watering to determine if it is more cost effective to outsource some of this work.

### 4. DPS Appreciation party:

- a. Party will take place February 12, 2019 at 11:00 AM at DPS.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. following DPS luncheon**

**2018-19 Budget: \$70,000**

**Remaining balance after February vouchers: \$23,579**

**Snow removal 2018-19 Budget: \$59,000**

**Remaining balance after February vouchers: \$19,859**

Hello all! Thanks for information regarding Restaurant Week.

Just a request that you make a big effort to keep the white holiday lights lit through Valentine's week, in the park and on the streets. I feel it is a very romantic look for our city and will welcome pedestrian business at restaurants, jewelers, and retailers while folks shop for Valentine's gifts. Even in the darkest of freezing cold winter days, love still blooms. Why not encourage those who feel it to spend their dollars in downtown Birmingham under the lights? The great amount of effort it took to put them up will pay off if they are on longer as well.

Thanks for all you do to make Birmingham so special. I've written compliments on Nextdoor App and so many folks replied. I hope you do read the app and note the many who agreed with me and the thanks that poured in! I'm happy to provide a link if needed.

Mary