

# Sleepy Eye Downtown Revitalization Committee Meeting

## January 16, 2024 @ 12:00pm, SE Council Chamber

**Attendance: Present:** Tom, Kurk, Wayne, Kayla, Joann; **Absent:** Mike, Christina

**Guest:** David Forster

**Minutes:** Approved – M: Joann /S: Tom

### REPORTS:

**Marketing:** (Website/Brochure/Rack Card/Facebook):

Joann Report:

Website retirement: Suggest having the SE Historical Society to administer the website and ask the city to pay for the hosting. This will be a meeting with the city and the SEHS.

### Grants:

Kurk:

**SMIF: Completed**

**Blandon:** Kurk: We currently have \$6,851.73 left of this grant.

Kurk is looking at a grant from AARP

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Mural(s):** Kurk:

Michael Wiechmann is an artist in New; possible to do a mural.

His work will be shown at the Grand in New Ulm if we want to see his work.

**Cleaners Building:** EDA will not be buying this building. The Building Inspector report was not favorable.

Stuff going on in the background he can't talk about on this building.

### Chief Sleepy Eye Monument landscaping:

Kurk presented the information from Michael Sprenger on the landscaping of the Monument.

We talked about grants and fundraising. We should work through the Foundation because they are a 501C.

**Other:** Kurk:

Sleepy Eye Downtown Alive. Some ideas:

- > Street level flowerpots that businesses would adopt to take care of.
  - > Spring/Summer flowers and Evergreen decorations for winter.
- > Donations from community that would go to beautify the downtown area.
  - > More benches
  - > Murals

See [downtownredwing.org](http://downtownredwing.org) and [wabashmainstreet.org](http://wabashmainstreet.org) for more information.

Kurk presented a suggested application. Also, the idea of a contribution box. Also, some ideas of dressing up some of the other spaces downtown.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**From the Floor:**

**Meeting adjourned:** 12:30pm.

**Next Meeting:** February 20 at 12:00pm, in the Council Chamber