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## **Main Street Committee** Meeting Summary Notes December 10, 2008

Meeting started at approximately 7:05 pm.

Present at the meeting: Candace Kenyon, Ray McCarty, Rayanne McCarty, Bill Murphy (Delaware Paints), Guillermo Espinoza (Hernandez Grocery & Liquor) and Chris Miller, Rolf C. Campbell & Associates.

Much of the discussion focused on providing an update of past Committee activities and meeting discussions to inform and share with the new attendees.

The business community is requesting to learn what it is that they can do individually or as a group to improve the downtown. What improvements can they do without possible repercussions? For example can they replace broken concrete in front of their store? Can they plant trees or flowers in existing grassy areas? They also request to learn whether there are any forthcoming plans for improvements which may conflict with short term improvements.

Ray McCarty expressed a desire on his part to have cobblestones installed on the south side of the street, behind the curb. The width/depth of the cobblestones may vary. His initial thought is that it would be 10' or 15' wide. Other suggestions where perhaps the cobblestone could be 4' to 5' wide adjacent to the curb with a 5' or 6' concrete sidewalk; or perhaps alternatively concrete pavers instead of cobblestones could be installed, which may provide a saver and pedestrian friendly environment. Cost is a consideration. How much money is available who would pay for it as noted at the November meeting Ray received a price of approximately \$7000 to install a 15' wide by 300' long area of cobblestone.

It is thought that cobblestones may be reasonably inexpensive to install and provide flexibility to be changed should the Village find a way to bury the overhead utilities located on the south side of the street or make other changes. A question of how realistic is it to anticipate that the utilities would be buried?

There was discussion on short term improvements versus long term improvements and for having a plan in place in the event a grant or some form of funding becomes available to fund improvements.

There was discussion as to whether long term plans should include installation of concrete pavers (similar to what is in front of the new liquor store) on the north side of Main Street in front of the businesses or restore the area with blacktop asphalt?

Cross walks were identified as being needed.

Improved means for delivery service to businesses is needed. Since there is no alley deliveries are often occurring in the street. Perhaps a circulation system can be established with cross access easements or some form of assurance to business owners that deliveries can share use of parking and drive aisles off-street.

Questions were raised as to why the downtown is referred to as blighted were raised. What is the benefit the area being considered blighted exists

The next Committee meeting was discussed and is being scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2009 @ 7:00 pm.

Anyone desiring additions or corrections to the above meeting summary notes may contact Chris Miller at [cmiller@rccai.com](mailto:cmiller@rccai.com).