

**Downtown Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2024**

**Present:** Bill Novack, Monica Conners, Mike Hudson, Meghna Bansal, Brien Nagle, Mikal Mayes  
**Via Zoom:** Steve Rubin, Joe Costello, Kaylin Risvold, Doug Krieger, Tom Miers, Katie Wood, Patrick Kelly, Tom Castagnoli, Peggy Frank, Derek McDaniel, Benny White.  
**Staff & Guest:** Mike Panas, Shannon Kunicki.

The minutes for the April 8, 2024, meeting was submitted. A motion was made by Tom Miers, Derek McDaniels, unanimously approved. One change to the minutes from last month Meghna Bansal name was misspelled, correction was made.

**Washington St Bridge:** Bill Novack gave a brief update on the Washington St bridge construction. May 21, 2024 the bridge will be closed from 9am -3pm. At this time they will be moving the traffic from the east side the west side where they will begin working on the final stage of the bridge. The bridge is still set to be completed by the end of the year.

**Washington Streetscape:** Bill Novack gave an update on the Washington streetscape. There has been 95% completion in front of Bev's, with crews working day and night. Contractor is on schedule with finishing mid-October.

**Wayfinding Signs:** Bill Novack said that Rick Hitchcock is currently working with the consultants. No final product as of yet.

**Century Walk:** Discussions continue with Century Walk and the City looking at the future. Doug Krieger stated that they are focusing on 2024, the last year of the contract on maintenance.

**DNA Director update:** Katie Wood is currently the interim director; additional help has been implemented for events. Next DNA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 14 at 1:30pm located a Pinot's Pallette.

**Safety & Security:** Doug Krieger gave an update, new beat officer have been hired, in training and will start sooner than expected. School is ending in the next few weeks,

**Review & Discuss DRAFT Workshop Outline & Timing:** Steve started the discussion on the recent sub committee meeting that was held on April 16, 2024. The conclusion from the sub committee was to start with a smaller main workshop. Create a report that could be further discussed with influencing organizations.

DAC committee suggested multiple workshops.

- Moderator: Marcie Schatz (tbd)
- Multiple workshops:
  - **Workshop I: *Main workshop***- Create draft report for feedback, create community survey.
    - Include panel of retail brokers, including CBRE.
    - Indiana University- analytic trends in retail (tbd)
    - Potential Dates for Workshop I: June 25 or 26, 2024
    - Refer to DRAFT workshop outline for specifics.
  - **Workshop II: *Community workshop***-initiate and collect survey results, further community input.
  - **Workshop III: *Merchant workshop***-informal conversation with merchants, collect data from merchants they are willing to share.
    - Downtown Sales information: Work with city staff to request sales tax revenue from IL.

A meeting for continued discussion and finalizing outline and dates was suggested for Monday, May 20, 2024 at 3:30pm. Committee agreed.

Motion to adjourned by Tom Castagnoli, seconded by Tom Miers, unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:534pm