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**Meeting Minutes
Principal Shopping District
April 1, 2026
11:30 am, At Fire Hall**

Members Present: Tracy Kossaras, Jason Butler, Corinne Trimbach, Monica Ladiski, Brent Hurst, Tyler Barlage and Nancy McKinley.

Others Present: Chief Kirk, Scott Dzurka and Heather Hanover

1. **Meeting was called to Order by Chair Ladiski at 11:30 am**
2. **Additions to the Agenda:** None, motion to approve the agenda as presented by Jason Butler, seconded by Tracy Kossaras, motion carried.
3. **Public Comment:** Tracy Kossaras announced that she and her husband have sold Kurt's Appliance and will be retiring May 1st. The new company taking over the appliance store will be Gilberts. Congratulations
4. **Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda made by** Jason Butler, seconded by Corinne Trimbach motion carried.
 - A. Minutes of meeting dated April 11, 2026
 - B. Minutes of the Executive, Marketing/ Events Committee Meetings
 - C. City of St Johns monthly financial report through March 28,2026
 - D. Director's Report

5.Communications

A. Events Committee: Chair Kossaras said that we had our last meeting at Hill's/ We liked about the Thursday Market and most of the schedule is filled up. We also talked about encouraging Sidewalk Sales for Spring Fling and have a couple of Street Singers. The ST Patrick's day event went well. The Restaurant's enjoyed it and we will do it again next year. We are having a Free Wienie Wednesday next week. Nikki from 508 has taken on Chairing the St Nick Parade. Corrine is the Chair of the Candy Crawl and Emily Baudoux is working on a Cozy Crawl or some Winter Event for next winter. talked about the upcoming Thursday Market, The St Patrick's day pub crawl that was down sized to just local bars and that the social district is going to be expanded to include the silo area .

B. Marketing Committee: Chair Baudoux was not in attendance but Heather said at the meeting see is working on flyers and signs for the Thursday Thing. We also advertised the St Patrick's Pub Crawl with more to your door and a facebook boost, with good results..

C. Executive Committee : The executive discussed the event catagorising and the Retail Works proposal that will be discussed later in the agenda. , the insurance questions for events , the social district expansion and the incubator space.

D. City Update: Chief Kirk said there is a scammer who is claiming to be the St Johns Police and requesting Lowe's gift cards. Let everyone know that the SJPD would never to that. who would be interested, have them c contact the police department.

6.Old Business

A. Event Classification Meeting. We have been working on this issue for awhile with not a lot of head way. So that we don't take up board meeting time. The next executive meeting will be dedicated to hammering out a final version which will then be presentd to the board at the May Meeting. The next Executive Committee Meeting is April 21st at 8am at Butler Financial. All are welcome.

B. Mint Fest Parking: The Chamber sent our a message to all downtown business that have parking. They are welcome to charge or do what they will with there lots during Mint Fest. The Chamber has not heard from any business but would like to make a parking map, so if you know what you are doing please let them know.



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7.New Business:

A. Match on Main: We have Woodburys and Giving Paws application. They were reviewed and Giving Paws will be sent forward to the State for possible Funding, motion to that effect by Tracy Kossaras, seconded by Corinne Trimbach, motion carried.

B. Retail Works proposal gave a proposal for a presentation on best practices and new ideas for retail business owners. The proposal was discussed along with the MSU FIT analysis. The board decided that do not want to put money toward the Retail Wporks proposal but will hopefully do a FIT annaysis in the future.

Motion to adjourned made by Jason Butler at 12:02 pm, seconded by Tyler Barlage, motion carried.



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Meeting Minutes

Downtown Development Authority

March 11 ,2026

Immediately following the PSD Meeting

Members Present: Tracy Kossaras, Jason Butler, Corinne Trimbach, Monica Ladiski, Brent Hurst, Tyler Barlage and Nancy McKinley.

Others Present: Chief Kirk, Scott Dzurka and Heather Hanover

1. Meeting was called to Order by Chair Ladiski at 12:03 pm.

2. Additions to the Agenda: None, motion to approve the agenda as presented made by Brent Hurst, seconded by Tracy Kossaras, motion carried.

3. Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, made by Brent Hurst, seconded by Tracy Kossaras, motion carried.

A. Minutes of meeting April 11,2026

B. Minutes of the Design Committee Meeting/ None

C. City of St Johns monthly financial report as of March 28,2026

4. Communications

A. None.

5. Old Business

A. The Main Street Program is a lot of time and energy. We have been busy with other projects. We can start up the process again if the board is really committed to doing the program. The consensus was yes, they would like to start the process.

B. Bump outs: At the Executive Committee meeting we talked about not wanting to pay to fix the bump outs when they really need a redo. They would like to send the issue to the Design Committee to come up with options. There was discussion on who pays for the sidewalks, they are owned by the city but there are more likely to get done if the DDA contributes or pays.

6.New Business

A. An Update on Building turn over: we have some vacant stores but have had a lot of interest. The possible shared space has brought interest to downtown. Two existing downtown businesses have purchased buildings and expanded, Ink Studios and Giving Paws. Charcuterie to Go is moving into the store front vacated by Giving Paws.

7. Public Comment

Chief Kirk said the police department is participating in a fund a raiser for Autism. Brent said the planning for the Fall Festival is going well and they received a grant from Granger for dumpsters. Heather talked about the CDBG grants that she and the city are working to obtain. There are three buildings that will be able to take advantage of the program this round.

Motion by Corinne Trimbach to adjourn at 12:37 pm, seconded by Tyler Barlage, motion carried.