

Metropolitan Theatre Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2016

Present: Robyn Hess, Rick McEwuen, Tina Tallaksen, Kacy Weidebusch, Jeff Mikorski, Josh Williamson

Rick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Joe reported no significant issues with the transition to WVU management at this point. There was some discussion of designated staff parking for the Theatre. Joe referred Mr. Darko to the Parking Authority for negotiations regarding parking and what might be available.

Jeff related a proposal for a WVU graphic art class contest that would like to work on a new approach to the Metropolitan Theatre logo currently using the swags and shield. Most of the Commission felt it would be a good idea to have a fresh look and it wouldn't hurt to look at what they come up with. Kacy was of the opinion that the swag and shield were the traditional symbols of the Theatre and should remain as the logo.

Joe proposed a concert series to be produced by the Met. It was agreed that he should see what Mr. Darko has in mind for the series he was working on and then possibly combine both ideas.

Jeff related that there are seed monies available for concessions. Robyn suggested approaching Sam's Club, and that they will sometimes match funds. Robyn will get the appropriate form. We would like to begin selling concessions in September, if possible.

Josh suggested that on the nights of performances, the marquee only list what is happening now rather than the rotation of upcoming shows. That way anyone driving down High Street would know what is actually happening at the Theatre that night. All agreed this was a good idea. Rick will ask Joe if this is possible with current software. If this is not possible, what the cost is of a program upgrade to make this possible.

City Council member Jenny Selin has contacted Rick to meet with her on July 19th to determine a possible location for the Don Knotts replica star. Their preferred location is in the main lobby. A motion to approve Rick as the representative to decide the proper location was made by Josh and seconded by Tina. All present indicated agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

Rick McEwuen, chair, secretary