

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE

April 13, 2026

The April 13, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Tom Karcher, Chairperson. Downtown Committee members present were Scott Moore, Zach Morral, Nicole Morris, Kate Niederkohr and Graham Treadway. Tom Karcher and Marc Mays were absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk (via zoom).

The minutes of the March 10, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Downtown Committee member, were approved as received.

It was again noted that lines have been painted for the parking spaces located along the west side of North Sandusky Avenue, between 116 and 120 North Sandusky Avenue, at the former entrance/exit to the east/west alley that is closed. These parking spaces are being frequently used.

Mayor McColly reported that Mr. Ethan Korte, Administrative Assistant, has indicated that the process for City issued food truck permits is going well with the exception of the renewal licenses issued to food trucks by the Health Department coming due in late March and believed to be causing some hesitation by food truck owners from obtaining the City issued permit.

Mayor McColly reported on messages he received recently regarding cones being placed on a Friday morning in 100 block of South Sandusky Avenue reserving parking spaces for a food truck. Mayor McColly indicated that a uniform policy needs to be set in regards to the timing of blocking parking spaces for food trucks.

Mr. Moore followed up on his report presented at the January 13, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting that a local pizza restaurant has been placing a homemade sign in front of their business to designate a parking space for their business only. Mr. Moore indicated that he did not approach the business but it appears that they have stopped placing this sign in front of their business. Some Downtown Committee members indicated that they have seen the sign recently. Mr. Moore indicated that he will contact the business owner regarding this matter.

Mayor McColly reported that there was previously an agreement with the Amvets that the park area located at the northeast corner of North Sandusky Avenue and East Walker Street would be donated and transferred to the City. Mayor McColly indicated that the lot has since been sold and the current owner wants to make sure they have proper access to their adjacent facilities and they questioned what the City would do with the property as the current owner has a theme for the properties they own and they want to make sure the property conforms with their theme. The consumption of alcohol on this property if it is transferred to the City was discussed as this practice is currently prohibited in the City's parks.

Mr. Treadway reported that the building located at the southwest corner of North Sandusky Avenue and West Walker Street that is currently being renovated and converted into a hotel will begin accepting reservations on October 1, 2026 for bookings beginning January 1, 2026.

It was noted that the second annual Spring Fling is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 25, 2026 in the downtown area. Mr. Treadway indicated that it is his understanding that all of the designated food truck spots have been booked for this event.

It was noted that the Ordinance to update the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) regulations to include Stoked and T&T Underground is being prepared and will be presented to the Downtown Committee when it's completed.

Mayor McColly reported that Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, is in the process of preparing a liability waiver for anyone hosting an event on City property.

There being no further business, the Vice-Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Scott Moore, Vice-Chairperson