



## **OTAC Design Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**(1/24/19)**

Attending: Committee Chair Liz Minor, Drew van Laeken and Jennifer Bell

The meeting started at approximately 8:40 a.m. due to delay hoping for more attendees.

Mrs. Minor noted that Apple Blossom was interested in pink and green lights on Cameron. She was concerned this might place too much burden on City staff. It was noted that if this courtesy were extended to Apple Blossom it would need to be extended to other events as well and that volunteers could not do the decorating due to public safety concerns.

The challenges of illuminating private property were discussed including that very few if any buildings on Boscawen Street or elsewhere have external electric outlets for façade lighting.

The limited decorations budget was discussed. It was suggested that if the final budget for decorations of \$1,200 is approved by City Council it should be spent on replacing any lights that need replacing, ornaments that are needed and decorations on either end of the mall by the archway. If electric outlets are added by the archway when the bollards are installed it was proposed to purchase decorations to place in the fountain areas which are empty all winter. Proposals included large nutcracker figures to simple lit wire decorations. It was also noted that funds should be spent for red paint to dress up the red bells which are looking worn.

The importance of banners on the lamp posts was discussed. It was proposed that 40 new banners be designed and purchased. Jennifer Bell agreed to get a price estimate for the banners. Mr. van Laeken requested Jennifer email information from a decorations company. It was agreed that this proposal for banner funding should be made to the Old Town Advancement Commission as an additional request to the City for the FY20 budget.