

April 4, 2024, DORA Meeting

- A. Call to order
- B. Selection of officers by unanimous consent.
 - a. President – Todd Johnson
 - b. Secretary – Charles Chapman
- C. Roll call
 - a. Charles Chapman - present
 - b. Todd Johnson - present
 - c. Eli Gearhart - present
- D. Review of minutes / N/A for the first meeting
- E. Petitions or comments by citizens / None
- F. Old Business / N/A for the first meeting
- G. New Business

Review of DORA materials. Mayor Strick and Bryn Kiplinger led a discussion about the DORA – IC 7.1-3-31. The committee reviewed the rules of the DORA. Clarified how the DORA is permitted and how businesses participate. It can include all businesses in the DORA, not just food and beverage because people may want to carry a beverage throughout the DORA.

Talked about the requirement for a specialized drink cup. Eli is concerned about people getting a cup and filling it with their liquor. Richard noted the cup must be specifically identified as a DORA cup. Talked about starting with special events and reviewing acceptance of the DORA over time. Maybe start with a couple of DORA areas – downtown and East Market St.? The committee agreed to focus on downtown for starters. Bryn noted the need to avoid churches or acquire permission for the DORA for churches close to the DORA. The possible need for insurance that includes because of the DORA was discussed and Eli will talk with his agent.

The next steps are to contact alcohol-permitted businesses and invite them to the next meeting. After the next meeting go to the second-tier businesses in the proposed DORA. The committee reviewed the initial map and Bryn will provide a map. An outline explaining the DORA with a map to show businesses in the proposed DORA will be helpful. Eli will talk with prospective DORA businesses in the downtown area to explain the DORA and invite them to our next meeting.

- H. Adjournment – Motion by Chapman, second by Gearhart – passes unanimously.