



Post-Adjournment Questions

- Who writes the grants?

Laird responded that the state provided funding through the Redevelopment Investment Fund, awarding the DDP the funding, and then allowing DDP to determine how to allocate the funds. The DDP applied for the State grant, and property owners will apply for the DDP's grant.

Legans shared that the Wilmington Riverfront was developed in a private-public partnership, allowing large projects to take place. Laird noted that in 10 years since DDD allocation, Dover has never been awarded a large commercial project funding. Bradbury noted that it is important to complete and follow up with all requirements to receive funding.

- Is assistance is available to complete applications?

Laird responded that Bradbury is available to assist with completing grant applications. Legans suggested contacting Tunisha Scott from DSHA for assistance as well.

- Is assistance available for funding mural projects?

Laird responded that CIP funding would not cover a mural project, but that DDP facade and DDOA grants may provide assistance. She noted that public art is encouraged. Legans added that DDOA can provide \$1,500 for the artist and materials.

- Are there plans to remove windowpanes from the former Artisan Market, to improve visibility from the outside of the building?

Laird noted that the pharmacy may have required frosted windowpanes and the previous tenant next door made changes to the windows, but that the comment is important and can be considered. She added that we are in a challenged community, and strategies to approve appearance are favorable and increase safety/perception.

Laird repeated that the pre-application will be available in 24 hours, with a PDF available to preview the application, prepare documents, and submit the pre-application (~20 minutes to complete.) She added if the full amount is not awarded, it may be due to funding available and/or whether the identified 'critical' improvements are addressed. She noted that projects were funded that did not hit the 'critical' categories, but still offered significant value downtown.