

DDMO MARCH 10, 2026
MEETING NOTES

DDMO Members for 2026

Theresa Ratner
David Kriete
William Robins
Chris Cotty
Margaret Lockwood
Jeff Roscoe
Michael Isoldi
Leidy Rodriguez
Potential new members - Vinnie DiMura, Diana Galvez, and Louis Nicanord

Agenda -

Attendees: Judine, Diana, Chris, Trina, Derryck, Bill, David, Peg

Election of New Officers – we could not hold an election because we did not have enough participants

Car show - May 3, rain date is June 7 - need sponsorships. Will coincide with the first day of the open-air market - Resolution has passed and Derryck is requesting associated permits. Last year we had sponsorship commitments from The Break, Weathertech, Blue Foundry, Maggie's. Deli Cream and Auto Glass were suggested. Cole agreed to help with sponsorship requests.

Karl Jackson contacted Peg today and mentioned that Garwood is having a car show on June 7 (our rain date) and it will pull half the attendance. So if possible, we would like to move to May31. Peg will contact Lauren Staats to see if she can modify the resolution for the Mon Council meeting so we can move the rain date to May 31.

Spring into Wellness - Peg contacting businesses to perform - GDC, Warrior Martial Arts, Yolanda for Zumba etc.

Beautification - new hanging baskets, planters for this season – Derryck had meetings and is awaiting estimates for a company to plant the hanging baskets and standing planters.

Peg ordered hanging baskets for the gazebos.

250th Anniversary of our country - discussed several ideas, such as hiring a carnival for the day, the Remax big balloon at Columbia park, and a dunk tank. Cole will follow up on pricing for the dunk tank and also on the Remax balloon. Chris Cotty provided names of carnival contacts. Waiting for the Rec department to have a framework for the event, so we can coordinate with them.

Unity Day – no Unity Day this year, instead we will put all of our efforts into the 250 Anniversary.

Harvestfest - October 11. Need to transition of marketing, mail lists, etc., - spreadsheets/attendees have moved from Heidi to Peg and Cole, so we will need to start the "Early bird special" process. As

soon as we are finished with the Spring into Wellness we will start to focus on Harvestfest early bird registrations.

New Businesses - new dentist near Blue Foundry. Blue Foundry name change to Fulton Bank – probably will not be done until April 1. Judine will keep us posted on timing and whether or not there will be a grand opening planned. Derryck will ensure all Cos are closed before we schedule grand openings.

Other Ideas – discussed restaurant promotions – we have tried in the past but have not been very successful. Also discussed the concept of a theme across town, so all businesses could participate with specials referencing that same theme – we would like to try this, and potentially focus on 250th anniversary – which will complement the 250th anniversary event, and will help to stimulate business in town.