

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO**

An **AD HOC COMMITTEE** met on April 4, 2017 to continue discussions on the bed tax distribution.

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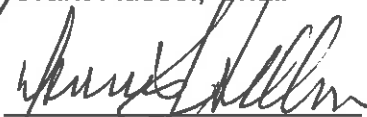
- CONTINUED DISCUSSION
- Next meeting scheduled for April 18 @ 5:30 PM

Aye  Nay

  
Grant Russel, Chair

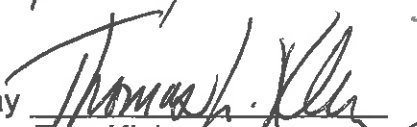
**LEGISLATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

Aye  Nay

  
Dennis Hellmann

**DATE:** April 4, 2017

Aye  Nay

  
Tom Klein

**COMMITTEE:** AD HOC

Aye  Nay

  
Tim Watson

# Ad-hoc Committee on Bed Tax Distribution

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Meeting Date: April 4, 2017

Start Time: 5:00 p.m.

End Time:

## In Attendance:

### Ad-Hoc Committee:

- Grant Russel, Chairman
- Dennis Hellmann
- Tom Klein
- Tim Watson

### Potential Guests:

- Don Rasmussen, City of Findlay Law Director
- Alissa Preston, Convention & Visitors Bureau
- John Haywood, Findlay-Hancock County Alliance
- Sarah Sisser, Hancock Historical Museum
- Alex Parker, WFIN

## Agenda Items:

1. Approve February 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes
2. Discussion with City Law Director - funding for secular events held at churches
3. Discussion with Convention & Visitors Bureau

## Outstanding Items:

1. Discussion with City Law Director (this meeting)
2. Convention & Visitors Bureau (this meeting)
3. Recommendation to full City Council

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## **Objective:**

To enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Findlay by encouraging, promoting and supporting art, cultural and recreational projects and events..

## **Eligible Organizations:**

- 501(c)(3) non-profits
- Private organizations
- Churches (to be determined)
  - o Note: while religious programming is not eligible, public events held at church facilities are potentially eligible
- Located or have a strong presence in Findlay

## **Non-eligible Organizations:**

- For Profit organizations
- Public entities / agencies; units of other governments
- Organizations not in "good standing" with the City of Findlay. "Good Standing" is defined in the Zoning Code (1165.11 E):
  - o **GOOD STANDING CLAUSE.** Applications for any permit, review or other action as provided for in this Zoning Ordinance may be denied due to the applicant's lack of good standing with the City of Findlay. Good standing means there are **no pending citations, violations, delinquencies, or matters pending before the municipal court against the applicant.** All City services and agencies are **within the scope** of the Good Standing Clause, including but not limited to **Zoning, Engineering, Water & Utility Billing, Income Tax Department, Police Department, Neighborhood Enhancement & Abatement Team (NEAT),** etc. The Zoning Administrator shall not refuse to issue a Permit when issues are not related to the public, such as disputes stemming from interpretations of covenants or private agreements between landowners.
- Organizations that support political parties, candidates or philosophies or whose purpose is to influence, promote or initiate governmental legislation or regulations at any political level
- Endowments

## **Eligible Events / Projects:**

- Have a wide appeal for a significant portion of the community
- Promote and enrich the cultural life of the community
- Encourage support and patronage of businesses, restaurants and attractions located in Findlay
- Emphasis on cultural arts, including art exhibits, plays, concerts and recreational events
- Events that attract multiples sources of funding and support
- Events that promote & encourage tourism are encouraged, but tourism is of secondary importance

## **Non-Eligible Events / Projects:**

- Projects for basic operating & maintenance activities (i.e. organizational overhead) or elimination of existing debt