

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER, 9, 2013**

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013 with the following members present: Carol Fisher, Jonathan Luse, Jr., Jordan Johnson, Peter Wickley, Steve Zutter, Kathy Johnson and Bonnie Holland.

Absent: Bill Laitila and Jim Bogan

Guests/Staff: Glenn Anderson

It was moved by J. Johnson and seconded by Fisher to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Holland to approve the July 1, 2013 regular meeting minutes and the July 29, 2013 special meeting minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

There was no public comment.

Updates/Information

- Received a letter from Superior National Bank confirming a release of \$70,000 pledged collateral for Gartner's Gallery, LLC.
- Received a Thank You from Finlandia University for the \$3,238 façade grant for painting the North Wind Book Store building.
- Reviewed a letter from Governor Snyder congratulating the City on its Sesquicentennial.
- Reviewed an update on the Life Point Hospital/ Portage Health joint venture/partnership.
- Reviewed a Thank You to the community from the FinnFest USA for a very successful June FinnFest 2013 event.
- Reviewed the July 9th, 2013 and August 13th, 2013 HB & PA minutes.
- Noted the Parade of Nations parade scheduled for Saturday, September 14th, 11 a.m.
- Heard Blue Terra Energy, operated by Dave Camps, is moving into the main floor of the 116 Quincy St. building.
- Heard that Hanke Auto Building is listed for sale, 201 Reservation St.
- Heard Tim Payment recently purchased the building at 300 Dunstan St.
- Heard that Siler Contracting will be repaving Navy St. that was dug up to install the new storm sewer by M & M Powersports.
- Learned that Northern Mutual Insurance Company expanded & paved a parking lot to the West. The building is located at 201 Quincy St.

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- Reviewed a proposed promissory note for the \$10,000, 10 year, 3% loan to help finance the purchase of Gino's Restaurant by Tom Gemignani.
- Reviewed upcoming city Sesquicentennial history events.
- Heard that the Attorney General has scheduled a public forum for Monday, September 23rd from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lake Shore Center in Houghton on the proposed Portage Health joint venture.
- Heard Aspirus Keweenaw has started construction of an 18,000 sq. ft. clinic in Houghton located by Wal-Mart.
- UP Hill 41 façade work has started by CM Morris construction Company.
- Heard Gartner's Building, 102 Quincy St. had work underway to rehab 2 commercial units on the main floor.
- The city continues to work on grant funding for a possible reuse of 119 Quincy St. currently owned by Miners State Bank.
- Chuck Wicker is trying to find a tenant for 109 Quincy St.

The DDA Board was briefed on the construction underway on the Navy St. Park Boardwalk project, and reviewed the project schedule submitted by DP Construction, Inc. of Chassell. It was noted that most of the steel H piling had been driven into the lake bottom, and the project was on schedule to be mostly completed this fall.

The DDA Board was informed that the City was awarded another downtown rental rehab grant to add apartments to the following buildings:

308 Quincy St., Blast From the Past, 4 units, \$120,000
234 Quincy St., Kaleva Building, 3 units, \$105,000
228 Hancock St., Dresch, 4 units, \$140,000

The City is closely working with MSHDA to add 326 Quincy St. the WMPL building to the award for 2 units at \$70,000.

The DDA Board received a façade grant application from Greg Piper and Dave Hanshaw to help paint and replace windows at 314 Quincy St. Estimates provided were for a total cost of \$3,327.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by K. Johnson to award a \$1,663.50 façade grant to Greg Piper and Dave Hanshaw for 314 Quincy St.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The DDA Board heard that the Keweenaw Visitors & Convention Bureau is going to buy a \$30,000 Pure Michigan radio ad, to be matched by \$30,000 from the State, to advertise the Keweenaw in late spring of 2014.

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It was moved by Luse and seconded by Holland to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem