

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2014**

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular monthly DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2014 with the following members present: Steve Zutter, Kathy Johnson, Pete Wickley, Jonathan Luse, Jordan Johnson, Carol Fisher and Jim Bogan.

Absent: Lisa McKenzie

Guests/Staff: Randy Heinonen, Carol Carli and Glenn Anderson

It was moved by Luse and seconded by K. Johnson to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by J. Johnson and seconded by Fisher to approve the September 8, 2014 regular minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Zutter to approve the minutes of the special meeting minutes of September 22, 2014.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: Carol Carli expressed her concern of the current Risto's Hardware rental space once they relocate to its new location on Hancock and Mesnard Street.

Randy Heinonen, Director of Athletic Partnerships and annual giving at MTU presented a hand out on the many opportunities for businesses to support and sponsor MTU athletic events.

Updates/Information

-Heard the Transit exceeded 250,000 bus riders in August since the bus system was started in January, 2003.

-Reviewed the complex issue of the UP Electrical Crisis, and reviewed several articles and FERC filings, and a letter from the City of Mackinac Island expressing concern for the expected surcharge related to the Presque Isle Power Plant.

-Reviewed the Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> HB & PA minutes.

-Reviewed an update on the Façade Grant Program.

-Heard that the movie "North Star" may be filmed at the Quincy Mine adit this winter.

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-Noted that Finlandia University has started construction on a \$1,000,000, 5,000 sq. ft. state of the art fitness center at Paavo Nurmi Athletic Center, which will be in the old pool area.

-Heard FU is planning to undertake up to a \$20 million bond issue, of which \$13 million would be a refinancing of existing debt and \$7 million would be for new facilities. The bond issue would be through the Michigan Finance Authority.

-Heard that a sale is pending for the Wisti Law Building located at 101 Quincy St.

-Noted the City will be hosting a public forum on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church seeking comments on the proposed non-motorized bike and pedestrian plan.

The DDA Board reviewed the final proposed DDA/TIFA Plan amendment that was approved at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> special meeting.

The DDA Board was notified that the City has received the signed \$250,000 grant agreement from MEDC for the renovations of the building located at 119 Quincy St.

The DDA Board received an update on the MDOT TAP Grant Streetscape project application.

The DDA Board reviewed in detail the preliminary MDOT plans for the reconstruction of Front St., Reservation and Quincy St.

It was moved by Luse and seconded by K. Johnson to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson  
Secretary Pro-tem