

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2014**

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 2014 with the following members present: Kathy Johnson, Steve Zutter, Peter Wickley, Jordan Johnson, Jonathan Luse, Carol Fisher, and Lisa McKenzie

Absent: Jim Bogan

Guests & Staff: Glenn Anderson

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Zutter to approve the agenda with one addition, add consideration of Finlandia University's façade application for 609 Quincy St.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by J. Johnson to approve the August 4, 2014 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

-Reviewed the Canal Rock waterfront concert series schedule, co-sponsored by the HB & PA & DDA. September 5th will be the last band.

-Looked at the schedule for the Saturday, August 9th Inaugural Copper Country Festa Italiana event to be held at the County Arena.

-Looked over the State of Michigan new EB-5 immigration initiative to try to grow new business investment. An immigrant applying needs to show \$500,000 for investment that can create 10 jobs.

-Noted the July 8, 2014 HB & PA minutes.

-Reviewed the schedule for the Thunder Bay Sailboat Yacht Race to be hosted by the City on August 5th and 6th.

-Heard the Governor signed SB 872 sponsored by Senator Tom Casperson which removed stamp sand as a hazardous substance.

-Noted that two companies are seeking reuse of the stamp sands located in Gay, Michigan. Investor Captial and the other is Green Sands. Investor Capital has already applied to the DEQ for a permit to dredge the Lake Superior Shoreline.

-Heard that a façade design is being done for the Tire Shop on the corner of Ethel St. and N. Lincoln Dr.

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- Reviewed the DEQ report of the local area by Amy Keranen showing DEQ projects.
- Heard that the City will co-sponsor the 2014 Fun Fish Shore Derby at Porvoo Park
- Reviewed Proposal 14-1 also called Prop 1 which will be on the August 5th election ballot providing replacement revenue to municipalities on personal property reform.
- Heard that Key Ingredient event held on July 18th in conjunction with the Canal Run was a huge success, over 1,000 people participated.
- Heard that the State of Wisconsin won FERC case which will shift more cost back to the Upper Peninsula regarding the stranded costs related to the Presque Isle Power Plant. The UP will share 58% of the cost, up from the original 8%.
- Heard the Houghton County Medical Care Facility will launch an \$8 million rehab project in 2015.
- Heard that Gino's sale to Tom Gemignani was closed on July 7th and he received the \$20,000 DDA Loan.
- Heard the City and Vollwerth's will be working to celebrate the company's 100 Anniversary in 2015.
- Heard the City is working with M & M Power Sports to clean up their property.
- Heard that Police Chief Beaudoin and Lt. Mayra will be retiring in October, and the City has opened applications for the Chief's position.
- Heard the Northern Consultants had moved into 325 Quincy St. in June.
- Heard Nu Day Fitness has opened up at 424 Hancock St. in July.
- Heard that Todd Auger is planning to open Racer's Burger Bistro in the Quincy Center.
- Heard that Fiber Whim closed August 1st.

The DDA Board received an update on the \$1,038,000 MDOT TAP Streetscape grant application for Quincy St., and reviewed 3 sketches of the proposed design. MDOT should make its decision if the grant is funded in October. The City had its kick off meeting with MDOT on June 18th on the 2016 \$6 million reconstruct project.

The DDA Board was informed that the City continues to work on the \$250,000 MEDC Blight Elimination Grant for 119 Quincy St. The application should be submitted by the middle of September.

The DDA reviewed a \$10,000 façade grant application from Mike Coon for the Coon Electric Building, 100 Navy Street. Mike Coon is looking to reuse the building for other business opportunities.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by Luse to approve up to a \$10,000 façade grant for the Coon Electric Building at 100 Navy Street.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

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The DDA reviewed a \$10,000 façade grant application from Steve Mattson and Kip McIntyre for the M & M Power Sports Building, 90 Navy Street. No quotes were attached so the DDA will consider the application once the cost estimate is provided.

The DDA reviewed a \$10,000 façade grant application from Rene Johnson from Finalandia University for work to upgrade the old International house located at 609 Quincy St., which is proposed to become a servant leadership house. No cost estimates were provided, so the DDA will consider the application when it receives the back up cost data.

It was moved by Luse and seconded by K. Johnson to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary