

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2018**

The regular DDA monthly meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Jonathan Luse, Jr. on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: Pete Mackin, Jonathan Luse, Jr., Jordan Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Steve Zutter, Lisa McKenzie and John Diebel

Absent: Peter Wickley

Guests: Jeannie DeClerk, Kenneth Ropp, Allyson Jabusch and Curt Webb

Staff: Glenn Anderson, City Manager

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Mackin and seconded by Diebel to approve the February 5, 2018 minutes with one change, delete "electric use monitoring related to smart meters" and replace with "energy efficiency networking."

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Jeannie DeClerk and Ken Ropp presented a budget request on behalf of the Hancock Beautification group, with \$3,350 for plants and bulbs and \$5,000 for a 300-gallon water tank on wheels with a pump. Jeanne said her group would try to undertake a few fundraising events to reimburse the DDA for the water trailer cost over the next few years.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by Mackin to accept the Hancock Beautification Group funding request of \$8,350.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Updates/Information

-Noted that UPPCO electric rates for 2018 were being lowered 6% for residential, 20% for commercial and 25% for industrial users

-Reviewed Houghton County building permits issued for 2017, including 52 new homes and a total of 316 permits

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- Reviewed the ad posted by the MML for candidates for the Hancock City Manager position
- Heard FU has applied for a PHF grant of \$15,000 which if funded would be used to expand to Ryan Street Community Garden
- Reviewed the updated façade grants 2008 to 2018
- Heard that Dave Camps, Blue Terra Energy, was rehabbing the old Apothecary building on Michigan Ave. across from the Jutila building
- Heard Quincy Loafers may be considering a façade grant application, and perspective new owners of Ginos may be applying for a façade grant for exterior signage, painting and out-door patio construction

The DDA Board was advised that Tomaso Enterprises, LLC has turned the deed for Gino's Building over to Miners State Bank in a deed in lieu of foreclosure, and that the bank also controls the liquor license, which is now in escrow.

The DDA Board is still reviewing options in acquiring cigarette butt receptacles.

The DDA Board was briefed on the establishment of the Finn Zone, a cooperative effort between the MTEC SmartZone, Finlandia University, KEDA and the UP Finnish-American Chamber of Commerce, with support from MTU.

The DDA Board reviewed plans for a downtown repaving project to be bid out by MDOT on June 1<sup>st</sup> to repave E. Quincy St., one block of Dunstan St. and one block of Tezcuco St., as well as parts of Water Street and Elevation Street for an estimated cost of \$240,000, of which \$187,500 is a small urban grant.

The DDA Board received an update on the \$650,000 renovations of the CCISD building, 110 E. Quincy St., related to the recent career tech millage approval. MJO Contracting is the general contractor, and a welding shop will be built on the lower floor, and construction trades and health careers will be located on the main floor. The CCISD also secured a grant to purchase \$320,000 of welding equipment.

It was moved by Mackin 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