

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020**

Call to order by Chairperson Jonathan Luse at 6:00 PM (Zoom)

Present: Jonathan Luse, Paul LaBine, Robert Frantti, John Diebel, Ryan Heinonen, Steve Zutter

Absent: Jordan Johnson, Pete Mackin, Steve Patchin

Others Attending: Mary Babcock, Deb Mann, John Haeussler

Regular Meeting:

Motion by Member Zutter and seconded by Member Frantti to approve the agenda

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Member Frantti and seconded by Member Zutter to approve the September 14, 2020 meeting minutes.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information: Reviewed by Mary Babcock

- Rental Ordinance is available in packet for review. The City Council will hold a public hearing and hold a vote on the Ordinance on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.
- Two façade grant applications pending for Mark Mountz (Bank Hotel) and Jay Maki (612 Quincy Street Building)
- Make a Difference Day is Saturday, October 24, 2020 – Projects in Hancock with Little Brothers, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, Hancock Beautification Committee, Community Garden
- List of Invest UP grant recipients – 101 Quincy, Block's Place, Copper Country Community Arts Council, Dave's Hancock Service, Inc., K.C. Bonker's, LLC, Kaleva Corporation, Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly, Lucca, Inc., Milly's Hancock, LLC, Missy's Flower Shop, Snowed Inn, LLC., Tranquility Hair and Massage. Value of grants varied from \$4,000 to \$10,000.
- The DDA is looking to install an EV charging station and is working with UPPCO to identify three locations – Recommended by DDA: North Tezcuco, Montezuma and Porvoo Park
- Representatives McBroom and Markkanen advocated for additional funding for Federal Highway Administration for Houghton County in the amount of \$325,000
- MTEC SmartZone is looking for a new director to replace Daniel Jamison.

- Wall at General Glass building will be attached to FEMA projects as an alternate for better pricing
- Queen City Burgers is on track to open in 6 to 8 weeks in Plaza
- Work will start on Hancock Avenue with replacing catch basins, then milling and overlay.

Old Business

- Amount clarified for façade grant for General Glass. No need for additional approval.

New Business

- Review of DDA Plan with discussion about future goals- Waterfront walkways, retail business incubator, sidewalks, Hancock Avenue streetscape, parking lots – need to select at least one major goal going forward to make an impact.
- Estimated 2021-22 budget is \$167,000 with \$47,000 committed. Budget year starts July 1, 2021.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Member Zutter and seconded by Member Diebel at 6:36 pm

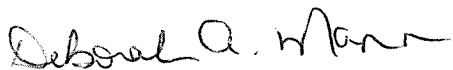
Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Next Meeting scheduled Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted



Deborah Mann, DDA Coordinator

Date: October 5, 2020