

CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2010

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular monthly DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2010 with the following members present: Carol Fisher, Kathy Johnson, Frank Taucher, Peter Wickley, William Laitila, and Bonnie Holland.
Absent: Jim Bogan, Steve Zutter, Darin Leetun and Glenn Anderson
Guests/Staff: Beth Harry, Mark Johnson and Tom Rozich

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Fisher to approve the March 1, 2010 minutes.
AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried

It was moved by Laitila and seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda, with two guests added under Public Comments, Mark Johnson and Tom Rozich.
AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried

Mark Johnson addressed the DDA Board regarding the Gartner's Furniture Store. He and his wife have been working with Richard Kahn to purchase the business from him. Mark has obtained funding from Superior National Bank but not enough to cover the whole purchase. Mark has a meeting with the Main Street Board on May 17th @ 4:00 p.m. @ Nutini's to discuss financial assistance. After a brief discussion the DDA Board agreed in principle but needs to hear from the Main St. Board and Richard needs to meet with his CPA. Mark will keep in touch.

Tom Rozich addressed the DDA Board regarding summer music at Porvoo Park. He was representing a small group that would like to bring bands to the waterfront starting on July 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. From 6-7 they would showcase young upcoming bands and from 7-9 would be regular bands. No cover charge or alcohol. Parking could be a problem. Houghton is having music on their waterfront by the Portage Lake Library this summer. Their music will start June 24th. Superior National Bank has committed \$100 towards the project. There will be a banner for businesses to promote themselves, and that will be a \$25.00 charge. The DDA was in favor of the idea.
It was moved by Holland and supported by Taucher to support the summer music events at Porvoo Park.
AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried.

Updates/ Information

- Habenaro's Int. Grill liquor license (Golden Harp)-city liquor license approved-tentative date for opening is in June.
- MDOT TSC Ishpeming 2010 construction project list-review the list-College Ave. is on there.
- Navy St. Waterfront Walkway DNRE Permit Application-1st step is underway.
- Saturday, May 8th, 3rd Annual City Council Litter Pickup, 8:00 a.m. breakfast, Jim's Pizza
- SmartZone update
- MSHDA NSP Demo bid results
- Gerald George Lehman Day, June 12th-Very interesting story, funeral will be in Hancock, family is making arrangements for a coffee social.
- 424 Hancock Street (sandstone building) building reuse update-Mike Lahti purchased the building and OHM will be moving in.
- June 2nd Tori Start Up
- Bike 2 Work Day, Friday, May 21st

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider approval of blacktopping proposed for old DPW road between Birch and Forrest St.-The Commission was in consensus that it will benefit the city, concerns if the utilities were all in place before paving. Moved by Johnson and supported by Taucher to approve up to \$33,000 with utilities in place prior to paving.
AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider façade grant application from Alice Pulaski, Augustine's Curious Goods, 803 S. Lincoln Dr.
2. Consider façade/signage grant application for Habenaro's Int. Grill, 101 E. Quincy St.
3. Consider façade/signage grant ap. from OHM for 424 Hancock St.
Moved by Laitila and supported by Johnson to approve the grant applications for the above businesses.
AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried
4. Consider \$3,000 business start up grant for Sew Sisters, Sandy Coponen to include \$425 for sign, \$600 for security deposit and \$2,575 for rent. After a brief discussion about their financial situation and insurance the Commission was in consensus to table the request until they can get more information on the situation of the business.

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5. Consider contribution of \$500 for Bridgefest fireworks in honor of 50th Bridge Anniversary. Moved by Holland and supported by Johnson to approve the \$500 contribution for Bridgefest fireworks.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Taucher and supported by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Harry
Recording Secretary