

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2010**

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular monthly DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 2010 at City Hall with the following members present: Kathy Johnson, Bonnie Holland, Peter Wickley, Frank Taucher, Carol Fisher, Steve Zutter, Bill Laitila, Darin Leetun arrived at 6:00 p.m.

Absent: Jim Bogan

Guests/Staff: Glenn Anderson

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Laitila to approve the September 13, 2010 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

The DDA reviewed the HB & PA minutes of September 14, 2010.

Updates/Information

-Heard that Superior National Bank has sold the Crystal Room liquor license to the Iron Horse Restaurant in Chassell Township.

-Heard the city has hired OHM to prepare and submit a COE/DNRE permit to enlarge the storm sewer out let on Navy Street just East of M & M Power Sports from a 12" to 36" diameter storm pipe.

-Heard that MDOT plans to bid out a project in March, 2011 to mill and repave North Lincoln Dr. from Elevation to South Lincoln Dr., all of South Lincoln Dr., all of Hancock Street, and the 1 block of Reservation St. between Quincy St. and Hancock St. Quincy St. will not be repaved in 2011. The city water project has until June 30, 2011 to complete the replacement of 30 water service laterals on Hancock Street.

-Noted the article on issues surrounding local regulations of Michigan new medical marihuana legislation.

-The Tori ended October 2nd with a great summer season. For 2011 2 new tents will be needed, one to replace the 5 yr. old 18 x 40 tent and 1 new tent for expansion.

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-Heard John Gervais has purchased Uphill 41 and will rename the bar to Chubby's. He is expected to submit a façade grant application.

-Heard that Frank Fiala is still expected to sign his WUPPDR lease in Houghton to relocate his 5th & Elm Coffee Shop.

The DDA reviewed the financial projection for the current FY 10/11 year with final balance showing a revenue estimate of \$195,172 and expenses of \$144, 131 for available funds of \$51,041.

The DDA looked over the façade mini grant program indicating 15 projects approved, 2 are under construction, 11 are done and 1 is delayed, and one is on hold. The DDA has expended \$117,101 to date on façade grants.

The 2 new owners of Kathy's Country Flowers received a \$25,000 loan from Main Street Hancock, Inc., and arranged an additional loan from friends to acquire the funds necessary to purchase the business.

The Gartner's Clothing Store building owners are exploring several ways to dispose of the building, including a lower cash sale, or donation to a non-profit organization.

The DDA discussed grant funding options for the Navy Street (Coon Electric) 382 feet elevated boardwalk that would connect the East end of the old Coast Guard sidewalk to the West side of the Ramada Inn walkway. The estimated cost is \$250,000 to accomplish the project.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by Johnson to apply for a DNRE MNRTF grant to fund 75% of the project cost, agree to fund the 25%, and apply in April, 2011.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The DDA asked that Mike Shanahan to attend the November meeting to discuss his delinquency on the installment loan contract for display cases.

DDA member Darin Leetun thanked the DDA for its support during his term on the board, and encouraged residents of Navy Street to apply for his position on the board.

Bill Laitila mentioned that Bleachers Bar will be requesting funding assistance to fill in the old coal bin structure in front of its business on Quincy St.

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It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Laitila to adjourn at 6:10p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem