

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2011**

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., Monday, February 7, 2011 with the following members present: Peter Wickley, Steve Zutter, Bill Laitila, Kathy Johnson and Bonnie Holland.

Absent: Jim Bogan, Frank Taucher and Carol Fisher.

Staff/Guests: Glenn Anderson

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Zutter to approve the December 6, 2010 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

There were no public comments.

Updates/Information

-Reviewed the January 11, 2011 HB & PA minutes.

-Looked at the artists rendering of the new façade for the Gartner's Gallery Building located at 306 Reservation, Mark Johnson is the owner.

-Reviewed the DNRE permit #10-31-0071-P to authorize 3 storm sewer outlet replacements.

-Looked at MDOT's 2011 construction projects, including milling and repaving portions of N. Lincoln Dr., S. Lincoln Dr., Hancock St., Front St., Reservation St., and possibly portions of Quincy St., for an estimated cost of \$769,000, and noted the M26 reconstruct through Dollar Bay at a budget of \$2,035,000.

-Looked at an artists rendering of FU's Condon Field rebuild project.

-Reviewed the city's press release regarding the Weather Channel's determination that Hancock is the 3rd snowiest city in America.

-Looked at the DNRE permit issued to Douglas Camp to allow construction of a 6' x 40' dock into Portage Lake, with two I-Beam pilings, on land he owns along Sunset Dr.

-Reviewed the January 5, 2011 PLLB Emergency Mgt. long term outage group meeting notes.

-Discussed offering up to \$3,000 business retail start up grants to perspective Gartner's Center 1st floor businesses

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-Heard Mick Oja had purchased waterfront property just East of Dale Kero's house to construct a seasonal home with dock. Oja will be digging out the hillside to make room for the seasonal house.

-Heard that Gartner's Furniture will be adding a new sale section for lights in the carpet/tile annex.

The DDA reviewed the local FinnFest USA bid submittal to host the 2013 FinnFest, reviewed the draft organizational chart, and reviewed the proposed bylaws of the future incorporation of the FinnFest 2013 Committee, Inc.

The DDA board was informed that city staff was working on the MNRTF grant application that was approved on October 4, 2010 to fund a \$350,000, 382 lineal foot boardwalk constructed on I beams out into Portage Lake between the Ramada Inn and the Copper Island Beach House. The DDA portion of the local match would be 25%, and if funded, construction would occur in 2013. The application is due April 1st. The city council will hold the public hearing on the project in March.

The downtown marketing sub committee of Karyn Hanks, Bonnie Holland, Jack Eberhard, HB & PA President Stephen Olsson, and Glenn Anderson continue to meet to develop a recommendation for 2011.

Jack Eberhard has proposed city business owners purchase and display 2x 3 and 3 x 5 Bulldog and FU Lion flags as part of a community promotion campaign. Th HB & PA is taking the lead in developing this proposal.

It was moved by Laitila and seconded by Holland to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem