

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

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 7, 2011 with the following members present: Frank Taucher, Peter Wickley, Bill Laitila, Kathy Johnson, Bonnie Holland, Carol Fisher, and Jim Bogan

Absent: Steve Zutter

Guests/Staff: John Haeussler, Jack Eberhard and Glenn Anderson

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Fisher to approve the February 7, 2011 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

There was no public comments

Updates/Information

-Reviewed a letter from MDOT TSC Traffic and Safety Engineer Aaron Johnson detailing it is illegal to make a left turn on to lower Reservation St. or the Holiday Gas Station from North bound Front St.

-Reported that Mike Lahti's 8 new apartments on the upper 2 floors of the sandstone building located at 424 Hancock St. will be ready for occupancy in June and one unit has already been rented.

-Heard that Lahti is planning to proceed with the construction of a 3 plex townhouse project just East of 424 Hancock St. this summer.

-Heard that the 24-unit Quincy Haven Apt. building being constructed by the Hancock Housing Commission will be ready for occupancy in August

-Heard that the water project will be bid out on March 30th

-Heard that MJO Contracting hopes to start the sewer project in late April and will be starting work downtown.

-Heard that a developer may be interested in constructing a 6-unit apartment complex on Navy St.

-Learned that MDOT is bidding out the repaving of portions of US41 in the city on April 1st, and had agreed to add portions of Quincy St. to the project.

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- Heard that the city may see a \$104,859 reduction in state shared revenue if Gov. Snyder's budget proposal is approved by the State Legislature
- Reviewed the overall state budget proposal by the Governor
- Heard that the city was waiting for a COE permit for the M&M Powersports storm sewer outlet replacement project.
- Looked at the February 8, 2011 HB & PA meeting minutes
- Heard that Finlandia University's McAfee soccer/football field project is expected to be bid out on April 28th.
- Heard that LJJ Contracting will start on the \$1 million FU Cafeteria addition to Finlandia Hall in late March.

The DDA Board reviewed the preliminary plans for the Navy St. Park Boardwalk project. The DDA and city have applied for a \$262,500 MNRTF grant application, and the DDA has agreed to make the 87,500 local match. If awarded the grant, construction would not occur until 2013.

The DDA Board was briefed on the job creation issue related to the \$155,000 MEDC Scott Hotel grant made in 2005. The city is working on documenting new jobs created at the building.

The DDA reviewed a letter from Mike Shanahan regarding the viability of his business, Miller's Jewelry, located at 206 Quincy St.

The DDA discussed helping Mark and Gail Johnson develop a reuse plan for the upper 2 floors of the Gartner's Center building, located at 102 Quincy St., which they recently purchased. The study would evaluate reuse opportunities, including apartments and offices.

It was moved by Bogan and seconded by Laitila to spend \$3,500 for professional services agreement from OHM, 424 Hancock St. to perform the Gartner's Center reuse study.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Laitila to cancel the April 4, 2011 DDA Meeting.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Bogan and seconded by Johnson to authorize a \$500 façade design grant to Mike Lahti/Keweenaw Community Foundation for 236 Quincy St.

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AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Holland and seconded by Bogan to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem