

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2012**

Chairperson Pete Wickley called the regular monthly DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 4, 2012 at City Hall with the following members present: Pete Wickley, Kathy Johnson, Bonnie Holland, Frank Taucher, Carol Fisher, Steve Zutter, Jordan Johnson and Bill Laitila.

Absent: Jim Bogan

Guests: John Haeussler

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Fisher to approve the May 7, 2012 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

There were no public comments.

Updates/Information

-Reviewed the 2012 Bridgefest schedule of events for June 15th, 16th, & 17th.

-Reviewed the HB&PA minutes of May 8th, 2012.

-Looked at the PLLB meeting notes of April 4, 2012.

-Received an update on the city water project and noted a hydrant relocation will occur on E. Quincy/Dunstan St. and new valves will be installed on E. Quincy/Reservation St. in the downtown area.

-Heard that the city was working closely with MSHDA and Mike Lahti to meet the current grant requirements for the rehab of the burned out 116 Quincy St. building.

The DDA board discussed the current 30 year DDA/TIF plan that will expire in 2014, and the Elevation St. TIFA that will expire in 2015.

The DDA/TIFA plan was established in Sept. of 1984 and the Elevation St. TIFA in February, 1985.

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The board agreed to review legal options available to the city, including undertaking an amendment to the plan or creating a new DDA plan to extend past 2014.

Currently, the DDA/TIFA and Elevation St. TIFA capture the increase in taxable value from the base year from both the county and city. A new plan would only capture the city taxes, because new legislation allows county government to opt out. In addition, it is likely that any new plan or amendment extending the life of the DDA would reset the base value to the new year.

The DDA will consider studying this issue and obtaining legal advice on how best to proceed.

The DDA reviewed the cash flow projection for the remainder of FY 11/12 and FY 12/13. Total revenue and cash is projected at \$192,909 and projected expenses were at \$210,686. It was noted that not all façade grants approved will actually be implemented.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by Holland to limit the timetable for façade grants, once approved, to 24 months for completion of the project, retroactive to existing approvals.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The DDA discussed the future of parking meters, and noted that the city council has agreed to hold a public hearing on the future of the 91 parking meters for Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by K. Johnson to support the removal of all 91 parking meters from the downtown area with some level of 2 hour police parking enforcement.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Charles Wicker, owner of the building at 109 Quincy St., presented a revised façade grant application for \$4,280 of grant funds to repair the façade. In August of 2008, the DDA had approved a façade grant for up to \$10,000.

It was moved by Taucher and seconded by Zutter to approve a \$4,280 façade grant for Charles Wicker's building at 109 Quincy St. at a 1 to 1 match.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

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It was moved by Holland and seconded by K. Johnson to cancel the July 2nd and August 6 DDA meetings.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

DDA member and Mayor Bill Laitila mentioned that the city campground now has WI-MAX coverage for most of the RV Sites.

DDA Members Zutter, Wickley, J. Johnson, Fisher and Taucher asked that the agenda be emailed to them, while K. Johnson, Bonnie Holland & Bill Laitila wanted a hard copy.

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by J. Johnson to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem