

CITY OF HANCOCK  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2013

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2013 with the following members present: Kathy Johnson, Bonnie Holland, Peter Wickley, Bill Laitila, Jonathan Luse, Jr., Jim Bogan, Jordan Johnson, Steve Zutter and Carol Fisher.

Absent: None

Guests/Staff: Glenn Anderson

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Holland to approve the October 7, 2013 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

There were no public comments.

Updates/Information

-Heard there will be a follow-up Reshape Downtown Hancock meeting on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Jutila Center Main Floor Conference Room.

-Heard that Deb Mann is organizing a large Make a Difference Volunteer Day for Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to clean up the City from 10 am to 2 pm.

-Heard that Larry Lankton will present a Sesquicentennial history talk on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

-Noted that American Electric Power Company was planning to undertake a voluntary site clean up of old coal tar along and into Portage Lake in Ripley, possibly starting the project late this year.

-Reviewed the September 10<sup>th</sup> HB & PA meeting minutes.

-Reviewed a concept drawing for a new front & rear façade for the building located at 119 Quincy St.

-Heard that the State has selected the Copper Country Mall as the new location for the DHS office, and will be relocating from the existing County owned building at 200 Quincy Street in early 2014.

-Heard that the façade grants for 320 Quincy St. (The Flower Shop) and 300 Reservation (Uphill 41) were completed and paid, and the work at 314 Quincy St. (Greg Piper) was underway.

Page 2.

The DDA Board received an update on the Navy Street Park Boardwalk project, including the first pay request was processed for \$127,493.62, and that the wood glue lam beams installations were completed on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

The DDA Board reviewed a sample proceedings calendar that would be necessary to amend the DDA/TIFA plan to extend the life beyond the current plan that expires in 2014. The first action necessary will be to create a 9 person area citizen council of people who live in the DDA boundary.

The DDA Board discussed obtaining legal services for advising the board of steps to take to complete a time line extension.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by Bill Laitila to hire Miller Canfield Attorney Steven Mann for a fee not to exceed \$3,500 to help prepare a DDA plan amendment extending the life of the DDA.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was noted that Miller Canfield was working with the DDA's of Munising and Manistique on plan amendments this year.

The DDA Board discussed the Gino's/Gemignani Promissory note for the \$20,000 10 year loan in light of if the DDA is not extended beyond 2014 for some reason.

It was moved by Bogan and seconded by K. Johnson to add a provision to the promissory note with Thomas Gemignani that assigns the note to the City of Hancock in the event the DDA is dissolved.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by J. Johnson and seconded by K. Johnson to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson  
Secretary Pro-Tem

