

CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2014

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2014 with the following members present: Peter Wickley, Jonathan Luse, Jr., Jordan Johnson, Bonnie Holland, Steve Zutter and Lisa McKenzie

Absent: Carol Fisher, Kathy Johnson, Jim Bogan

Guest/Staff: Bill Marlor and Glenn Anderson

Chairperson Wickley welcomed new city Dept. of Public Works Director, Bill Marlor, who attended the meeting.

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Holland and seconded by Zutter to approve the December 2, 2013 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Chairperson Wickley congratulated Bonnie Holland, Jim Bogan and Kathy Johnson for their reappointment to 4 year terms to the DDA Board by Mayor McKenzie and the City Council.

There were no public comments.

Updates/Information

-Heard that Bonnie Holland was retiring from Finlandia University in June and may resign her position on the DDA.

-Heard that the KNHP Advisory Commission was close to raising the \$335,000 acquisition price for purchasing the Quincy Smelter property for the relocation of the Isle Royale National Park headquarters.

-Reviewed the 16,271 sq.ft. addition to the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church, 1501 N. Elevation St., along with additional 297 paved parking spaces and 325 overflow grass parking.

-Reviewed new property tax transfer of ownership exemptions for children on parent's deeds, and new disabled veteran's property tax exemptions.

-Reviewed the November 12th and December 10th 2013 HP & PA minutes

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- Reviewed 2013 County Building Dept.permit summary indicating 296 permits were issued, including 52 new houses
- Noted that Transit usage went up 6.9% in 2013 over 2012.
- Discussed planned DEQ activities in the local area for 2014 including investigation into PCB's in the Torch Lake area.
- Reviewed the 2 page executive summary for a proposed SmartZone Satellite for Marquette City
- Heard that DHS will vacate its lease with Houghton County for the rental space at 200 Quincy St. effective April 3rd.
- Heard that MTU is planning to sub lease the 3rd floor of the 1st Merit Bank Building.
- Heard that MDOT will be accepting RFP's for engineering design services on March 3rd for Quincy St. reconstruction for the \$4.722 million project.
- Heard that MDOT will receive bids for on March 7th for the M-26 Ripley reconstruction project budgeted for \$4.625 million.

The DDA Board discussed possible candidates for the Development Area Citizens Council. Nine city citizens who live in the DDA boundary are needed for the council.

The DDA Board heard that the MEDC has given preliminary approval to submit the environmental review information on the \$250,000 blight grant application for the building located at 119 Quincy St. prepared by the sub-committee of Holland, Luse and Anderson, and reviewed its revised list of projects, budgets, and new 30 year time line.

The DDA Board received a \$10,000 façade application for a building currently owned by Miners State Bank located at 119 Quincy St., where Mike Lahti has an option to purchase the building contingent on the city receiving a \$250,000 MEDC blight elimination grant.

It was moved by Luse and seconded by Holland to approve a \$10,000 façade grant to Mike Lahti/ Miners State Bank for a maximum of \$10,000 for 119 Quincy St. on a one to one match basis.

AYES: All

The DDA Board received a draft amendment to the DDA-TIFA plan

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

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Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem