

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2014**

Acting Vice Chairperson Lisa McKenzie called the regular DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014 with the following members present: Jim Bogan, Kathy Johnson, Carol Fisher, Lisa McKenzie, & Jonathan Luse, Jr.

Absent: Steve Zutter, Bonnie Holland, Jordan Johnson and Pete Wickley

Guest/Staff: Glenn Anderson

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Luse and seconded Fisher to approve the February 3, 2014 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

There were no public comments.

Updates/Information

-Reviewed the January 14, 2014, HB&PA meeting minutes

-Heard Mike Shanahan is trying to organize the St. Patrick's Day parade, which was not held last year. He is having trouble getting bands for the parade. The city provided \$550 for bands.

-Reviewed information on Highland Copper Company, Inc. which did extensive exploration in Keweenaw County in 2013, and plans exploration at White Pine, and recently announced its plans to acquire the Copper Wood Mine project in Gogebic County.

-Reviewed an updated list of façade grants issued to date

-Heard the Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce was seeking an executive director, which has been vacant for over 2 years.

-Heard that John Wisti had some interest in constructing new apartments on the 3rd floor of the Wisti Building, 101 Quincy St.

-Heard that St. Vincent de Paul is interested in purchasing the Shanahan Building adjacent to the West, but needed to secure more funding.

-Heard there was some interest in the reuse of the Isaacson Building, 224 Quincy St., once Risto's Hardware relocates to their new building at 435 Hancock St.

-Heard that the TORI will hold its 3rd winter sales event on March 8th at the Methodist Church.

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The DDA Board reviewed the 9 names of residents appointed to the Development Area Citizen Council by the City Council on February 19th. Now that the Council has been established, the DDA must wait at least 90 days before the Citizen Council meets to review and comment on the proposed DDA plan amendment.

The DDA reviewed the 2,707 sq. ft. addition to Risto's Hardware's new store at 435 Hancock St. The site plan was approved by the Planning Commission in February. The addition will be constructed on the North side of the existing 5,627 sq. ft. building.

The DDA Board reviewed possible legislation which, if enacted, would allow County's to opt out of TIFA capture, and the Michigan Downtown Association talking points showing the many benefits of DDA TIFA's.

The DDA has approached the Michigan Small Business & Development Center (SBDC) to provide retail marketing and financial consulting to city businesses. Bonnie Holland has made the initial contact.

It was moved by Bogan and seconded by K. Johnson to adjourn at 6:03 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem