

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2014**

Vice Chairperson Bonnie Holland called the regular DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014 with the following members present: Carol Fisher, Jim Bogan, Jordan Johnson, Bonnie Holland, Jonathan Luse, Jr. Steve Zutter, and Kathy Johnson

Absent: Peter Wickley and Lisa McKenzie

Guests/Staff: Glenn Anderson and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity members Neil Noock, Max Bergstrom, Luke Delsman, Anthony DeCicco, and Ryan McInnis

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Bogan and seconded by K. Johnson to approve the March 3, 2014 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

There were no public comments

Update/Information

-Reviewed the March 11, 2016 HB & PA minutes.

-Heard that the TORI will hold its 4th event on Saturday, April 12th at the Methodist Church

-Heard the Houghton Rotary has rebranded into Bridge Feast, and will use local restaurants for food this year. The parade is expected to be held on Friday, June 13th at 7:00 p.m.

-Heard that Impaled Tattoo store is opening at 127 Quincy St.

-Heard that Houghton County has listed the DHS office building for sale located at 200 Quincy St. for \$275,000.

-Learned that MERIT Fiber Optic will run a new fiber optic line from Dakota St. to the MTU Energy Research Building on the corner of Ethel St. and S. Lincoln Dr.

-Reviewed Finlandia University's strategic plan to add seven Division III NCAA sports over 7 years, including launching football in September, 2015.

-Reviewed the DDA annual report for FY 12/13 published in the Gazette

-Heard that a committee is working on a piano pub crawl in the city for Friday, June 18th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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- Heard that MJO Contracting was low bidder for the M-26 Ripley to Dollar Bay reconstruct project at \$6,682,502.50. The project is expected to start in May.
- Noted Studio Pizza, 426 Quincy St., is working with the Health Dept. on opening up a saloon.
- Noted Spring Cleanup will be held on May 9th and May 10th.
- Heard the Chamber of Commerce has space available to display business brochures or flyers at its Houghton office
- Heard the Hancock Public Schools will hold a millage renewal vote on May 6th.
- Heard an update on the MSHDA grant projects:
 - A. Kaleva Restaurant building, 3 units, 95% done
 - B. Blast from the Past building, 4 units, 60% done
 - C. WMPL building, 2 units, 5% done
 - D. Masonic Temple, 4 units, design is done
- Heard as of March 31st the snow fall total was 298.5 inches
- Heard Bonnie Holland is working on a professional workshop to be held in May.

The DDA Board reviewed a letter from SHPO finding no adverse impact on the rehab project proposed for 119 Quincy St.

The DDA Board received an update on Thomas Gemignani's effort to purchase Gino's Restaurant, 800 Quincy St.

The DDA Board reviewed the results of the MDOT request for proposal for design services for the 2016 reconstruct project. Three proposals were received with OHM Advisors scoring the highest. MDOT and OHM will need to come to an agreement on fees.

The City will be undertaking a project to replace the water main and service laterals on Quincy St., Front St. and Reservation St. as part of the 2012 MDOT reconstruct project.

The DDA Board was briefed by City Manager Anderson on the upcoming MDOT Winter Rehab project of the Lift Bridge, estimated to cost \$5.3 million.

The DDA Board was informed that the City Council will be meeting on Tuesday, April 8th to consider selling one half of the Wickley parking lot for possible development project. The Council has held 2 public hearings on the topic.

City Manager Anderson said he approached the St. Vincent De Paul Board about either leasing or selling the Hancock St. parking lot, but no response has been received.

It was moved by J. Johnson and seconded by K. Johnson to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

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Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem