

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2014**

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

Absent: Jim Bogan

Staff/Guest: Glenn Anderson

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Holland and seconded by K. Johnson to approve the April 7, 2014 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

There were no public comments.

Updates/Information

-Reviewed the April 8, 2014 HB & PA minutes.

-Noted the DDA co-sponsored the upcoming May 8th Professional Retail Workshop at 5:30 p.m. at the Heritage Center, Laura Marohvic and Denise Hansen from the Small Business Development Center will present talks on financial strategy and retail marketing.

-Heard that Beltone Skoric Hearing Aid Center will be opening at 540 Depot St.

-Heard the John Haeussler has authored on Arcadia Publishing Company historic book on Hancock, which will be released for sale on Sept. 9th.

-Heard the Dave Hanke was re-establishing his auto sales business at 106 E. Quincy St, and he will expand into auto mechanic work

-Noted the City Council has scheduled a public hearing on May 21st on a proposal to convert White St. into a one-way street. Currently, 2,339 vehicles use the up bound land, and 3,356 vehicles use the down bound lane in a 24 hour period.

-Heard the City Planning Commission on April 28th had approved a site plan for a 49' x 68' addition onto World of Wood Building, 215 Hancock Street.

-Noted Bike to work will be held on Thursday, May 15th

-Heard the TORI is holding its fifth weekend session on May 10th at the Methodist Church.

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-Heard that Portage Health Hospital will have taxable value of approximately \$20,085,458 for 2014.

City Manager Anderson reported the projected DDA revenue of \$134,384 for the FY 14/15 budget.

Anderson gave the DDA Board update on the 4 MSHDA rental rehab grants. The Kaleva Building's 3 units are 95% completed, The Blast from the Past Building's 4 units are 75% done, the WMPL Building's 2 units are 25% done, and the Masonic Temple Building has the design done and is ready for bidding.

The DDA Board received an update on the façade grant program. Since its inception in August 2008, 30 grants have been given out in the amount of \$202,672.50 Each recipient has to provide a minimum of 100% match.

The DDA Board received a façade grant application from Risto Alholinna who has purchased the 435 Hancock St. Building and is in the process of converting the old Salvation Army Thrift Store into the new home of Risto's Hardware. He is currently constructing a 2,707 sq. ft. addition. He is planning a new log constructed main entrance façade facing Mesnard Street and estimated the cost to be \$21,900 for that portion of his overall project.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by Holland to approve a façade grant for up to the \$10,000 for the new façade at Risto's Hardware new building located at 435 Hancock St.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The DDA Board discussed the upcoming 2016 MDOT \$4.722 million reconstruct project of Front, Reservation & Quincy Street. The City expects to spend up to \$2 million on water & sewer upgrades as part of this project. The plan includes total reconstruction from building to building. OHM Advisors have the design contract from MDOT.

The DDA has in their plan proposed street lighting and streetscape improvements to Quincy St. City Manager Anderson discussed applying in cooperation with MDOT for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to fund LED upgrades to the existing 55 city owned decorative street lights, adding 30 new decorative street lights from Montezuma to S. Lincoln Dr., install benches, bike racks, trash receptacles, trees and planters, cross walk enhancements, and curb build outs at intersections. The estimated cost for design & construction is \$800,000 to \$900,000. The MDOT Ishpeming TSC has indicated its support for this grant application for streetscape improvements. The grant program requires a 20% local match.

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It was moved by J. Johnson and seconded by Zutter to support a city application to MDOT for a TAP grant for downtown streetscape work in conjunction with the 2016 MDOT reconstruct project and the commit to funding the 20% local match required by the TAP grant program if funded.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem