

CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2016

The regular monthly DDA meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Jonathan Luse, Jr. on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Jon Luse, Jr., Kathy Johnson, Steve Zutter, John Diebel and Lisa McKenzie.

Absent: Jeff Lang, Pete Wickley, Pete Mackin and Jordan Johnson

Guest/Staff: Glenn Anderson, City Manager

Public Comments: None

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by McKenzie to approve the January 4, 2016 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Updates/Information

- Reminder to vote in the Presidential Primary, Tuesday, March 7th
- Heard the HB & PA is hosting a St. Patrick's Day event at the Copper Island Beach Club
- reviewed the February 8, 2016 HB & PA minutes
- Steven Smith may be leading the Key Ingredient event this summer
- WUPPDR may be contracting for a retail target market analysis
- reviewed a draft bill that if enacted would make major negative changes to DDA's
- Learned that the city transit had a record usage in 2015 with 21,898 riders. Since inception in 2003, the transit has transported 235,776 riders and driven 791,986 miles
- reviewed MTU's MI CARE Medical Informatics Center located at 400 Quincy Street run by Guy Hembroff.
- Heard the City has received a \$188,000 MSHDA grant for 4 new apartments on the 3rd floor of the Wisti-Lawton Building, 101 Quincy St.
- Heard the City Council held a close out public hearing on the MEDC \$250,000 Blight Elimination Grant for 119 Quincy St. on February 17th.
- Heard that Vollweth's has documented 6 new jobs, with 4 more to go. The MEDC façade grant is about 80% complete.
- Heard the City will be applying for a \$300,000 DNR MNRTF grant application for a new recreational pier to be located at the Hancock Beach

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The DDA was briefed on the City's purchase of a new fire truck pumper for \$358,519 and the sale of the 1999 pumper truck to Quincy Twp. for \$70,000. The fire dept. will contribute \$10,000, and the City will finance the balance with a loan for 7 years.

The DDA reviewed a grant project list on the \$12.9 million projects being undertaken this year and 2017, plus another \$800 thousand in grant applications pending.

The City has received \$10,543,408 in grants and has a local match of \$2,441,098.

The DDA learned that the City has received a \$19,300 DEQ Master Plan for sustainability and resiliency grant in conjunction with the Michigan Association of Planning. The City is developing a steering committee to work on the Master Plan process. The plan is expected to be completed in early 2017. The DDA was invited to participate.

The DDA reviewed MDOT's bids that were opened up February 5th. The low bidder was Hebert Construction Co. from Iron River, MI at \$7,116,625.99. MDOT received 3 other bids, from \$7,202,816.12 to \$10,013,154.75. The streetscape portion of the project was \$1,058,917.07 and the water main work was \$1,256,511.37.

The DDA reviewed a segment 1 construction map.

The DDA was advised that MDOT will be holding a public information meeting on the downtown construction project in early April.

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Recording Secretary