

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2016**

The regular monthly DDA meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Jonathan Luse, Jr. on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Jon Luse, Jr., Steve Zutter, John Diebel, Jordan Johnson, Jeff Lang, and Pete Mackin.

Absent: Kathy Johnson, Lisa McKenzie and Pete Wickley

Guests/Staff: Glenn Anderson, City Manager

Public Comments: None

It was moved by Diebel and seconded by Lang to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Diebel and seconded by J. Johnson to approve the March 7, 2016 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Updates/Information

-The City's new master plan steering committee is meeting on April 4th. John Diebel and Jeff Lang are on the steering committee. The new plan is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

-Discussed the issues of the MEDC workgroup on DDA's, TIFA'S and LDFA's. City Manager Glenn Anderson has been appointed to this work group that will hold four meetings this spring in Lansing.

-heard the City will be opening bids for the \$2.1 million water distribution improvement project on April 13th at 2:00 p.m. City Manager Anderson noted strong contractor interest.

-Reviewed conceptual plans for the beach recreational pier. The City recently submitted a \$300,000 DNR MNRTF grant application to help finance the project.

-Learned that spring clean up has been scheduled for May 6th and 7th, 7am to 7pm

-Reviewed that March 8, 2016 HB & PA meeting minutes.

-Heard that the peregrine falcon web cam is now operating on the North lift bridge tower

-Heard that MDOT has scheduled final lift bridge testing for mid April. The bridge rehab project is expected to be completed by April 20th.

-learned that MDOT has selected the City to participate in the Training Wheels on road bicycle facility design scheduled for Thursday, June 16th from 9am to 3:30pm.

Registration is limited to 25 participants.

-heard that Friday, June 16th is Bike to work day

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-heard that St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking into acquiring the Miller Jewelry building, 208 Quincy St. for business expansion needs.

-heard that Evergreen Technology, 200 Quincy St is nearing completion on its interior renovations. An open house is scheduled for Thursday, April 14th at 11:00 a.m.

The DDA Board was informed that MDOT has scheduled a public information meeting to present the Hancock Downtown Streetscape Project to the public on Tuesday, April 5th at the First United Methodist Church, 401 Quincy St. at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The DDA Board reviewed the plans for 4 new apartments located on the 3rd floor of the Wisti-Lawton building, 101 Quincy St. The City is helping fund the project by recently acquiring a MSHDA grant of \$188,000. MSHDA will contribute \$40,000 per unit, and the building owner the balance.

It was moved by Mackin and seconded by Lang to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-tem