

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2016**

The regular monthly DDA meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peter Wickley on Monday, August 1, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at 399 Quincy Street with the following members present: Kathy Johnson, John Diebel, Peter Wickley, Jordan Johnson, Pete Mackin, and Jonathan Luse, Jr.

Absent: Jeff Lang, Lisa McKenzie and Steve Zutter

Guest/Staff: Tom Vichich and Glenn Anderson

It was moved by Mackin and seconded by K. Johnson to approve the agenda with one addition to old business, consider land sale resolution from the DDA to Northern Perspectives, LLC

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Luse to approve the July 11, 2016 meeting minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

- Demo started on August 1<sup>st</sup> on the 400 & 500 block of Quincy St.

-Heard the new water main has been installed as far West as Mine Street along Quincy St.

-Heard Payne & Dolan has to return to re-level the sand/blacktop mix in the granite zone in the 100 block of Quincy St. before the granite pavers are installed.

-The sidewalks in the 200 block are done and the new sidewalks in the 300 block will start this week.

-Heard that the 2<sup>nd</sup> block party for the 200/300 block of Quincy is scheduled for Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

-Heard that M & M Power Sports had started their expansion project, with the first project completed to replace the roof trusses on the service shop building section.

-Heard that the City Planning Commission approved the 36' x 64' addition to the IR Telemetrics building located at 1780 Birch Street.

-Noted that the Portage Health Foundation recently granted Finlandia University \$235,000 and announced that they would consider a large planned gift in 2017 toward the renovation for the College of Health Sciences building.

-Heard that FU & MTU fall enrollment are both expected to be up this fall.

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- Reviewed the Efficiency United Programs available to local businesses. Blue Terra Energy, LLC is available to help apply for these funding programs.
- Heard this years Parade of Nations will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Reviewed the July 12, 2016 HB & PA meeting minutes.
- Heard that over 1,500 people attended this years 3<sup>rd</sup> annual July 15<sup>th</sup> Key Ingredients event which had 14 musical groups.
- Reviewed winter parking slots for the downtown area.
- Noted the KNHP will be getting a new Superintendent, Wyndeth Davis.
- Heard this years American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held at McAfee Field on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m.to midnight
- Reviewed a memo on SSR rebates from electrical rate in the UP
- Reviewed the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary election ballot

It was moved by Mackin and seconded by Luse to adopt Resolution #01-2016 authorizing Sale of Real Property from the DDA to Northern Perspectives, LLC, 101 Quincy St. (copy attached to the minutes)

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Dave Lucchesi, owner of Bruno's Motors, 612 Quincy St., is requesting a business assistance grant to help defray the cost of demolishing a blighted house located at 621 Hancock Street he recently purchased. The property will allow him to expand his vehicle lot display area along Hancock Street. The estimate provided by Ziemnick Excavating Inc. of Lake Linden is for \$20,000, plus Lucchesi had to pay for the removal of the asbestos siding.

It was moved by Mackin and seconded by K. Johnson to approve up to 50% or a maximum of \$10,000 for a business assistance grant to remove a blighted building located at 621 Hancock Street to make room for business vehicle display area.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Thomas Vichich, President, Society of St. Vincent De Paul, 204 Quincy Street, was present to request grant assistance to help defray the cost of asbestos abatement at the recently acquired adjacent building, the Janis Building, 206 Quincy Street. The building was purchased to allow store and food pantry expansion. He estimated the cost of abatement at \$5,000.

It was moved by Mackin and seconded by Luse to approve a business assistance grant of 50% up to maximum of \$2,500 for asbestos abatement for the building located at 206 Quincy St. owned by St. Vincent De Paul for business expansion purposes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

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Motion Carried

John Diebel encouraged Hancock business owners to upgrade their customer service.

It was moved by Luse and seconded by K. Johnson to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson  
Secretary Pro-Tem