

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2013**

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2013 with the following members present: Steve Zutter, Jim Bogan, Kathy Johnson, Jonathan Luse, Jr., Jordan Johnson, Pete Wickley, Bonnie Holland and Bill Laitila

Absent: Carol Fisher

Staff/Guests: Glenn Anderson

It was moved by Holland and seconded by K. Johnson to approve the agenda with one addition, consider a \$500 façade design grant to 308 Quincy St., Blast from the Past.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Bogan and seconded by K. Johnson to approve the April 1, 2013 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Updates/Information

- Learned of new HB & PA officers: Mary Kaminski, President/ Garret Voldarski, Treasurer/ Carol Freeman, VP/ Mike Babcock, Secretary
- Heard the annual Bike to Work Day is Thursday, May 16th. This year's site will be at McGanns.
- DDA members were invited to attend the city's official FinnFest reception on June 20th.
- Heard that 5 of the 7 newly refurbished apartments at 116 Quincy St. were rented.
- Noted that Tom Ruonvaara removed the old panel siding off the 2nd story WMPL building to expose the original brick work
- Noted that First Merit Bank will be replacing the Citizen Bank signs by the end of June
- Heard that Hanke Auto has returned to Ripley and has the building on the SE corner of Reservation and Quincy St. listed for sale at \$175,000.
- Heard that Keweenaw Accounting has relocated from 218 Quincy St. to 326 Quincy St. (WMPL Annex)
- Heard that the Wickley Agency was expanding its real estate office to 218 Quincy St.
- Heard that Kathy's Flowers will be closing in early June and reopening in late June at the Kukkaappa Flower Shop located at 320 Quincy St
- Reviewed the April 9th minutes of the HB & PA
- Heard Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity had a downtown cleanup work bee on April 27th.

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- Heard that several businesses had expressed interest in façade grants, including 314 Quincy St. and 320 Quincy St.
- Reviewed upcoming city Sesquicentennial history presentations.
- discussed MEDC grant programs for 119 Quincy St. building.

The DDA Board discussed UP Hill 41 façade grant award approved in November 1, 2010. The owner John Gervais wants to rebrand as the “Goal Post”. The DDA has a 2 year limit on grant awards, Wayne Gouge is the manager.

It was moved by Bogan and seconded by Laitila to re-award the façade grant to 300 Reservation St. building owned by John Gervais.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

The DDA reviewed the approved DEQ and COE permits for the Navy St. Park Boardwalk Project, and saw an April 3, 2013 letter from the DNR grant division approving the project design and approved going forward with the June 20th bid date.

The DDA was informed that the Front Wall Small rehab project will be bid out on May 15th with the hope that the work can be done by FinnFest.

The DDA noted that the summer TORI on the Quincy Green will open June 1st and close Oct. 5th, and will be open every Wednesday and Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm. During FinnFest, the city TORI will be open every day, 9 am to 6 pm.

It was moved by Holland and seconded by Bogan to approve a \$500 façade design grant to Al McClellan, owner of Blast from the Past, located at 308 Quincy St.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Holland and seconded by Zutter to approve an expenditure of \$776 to Industrial Graphics for Welcome to FinnFest signs to be placed at 119 Quincy St. Miner’s State Bank has approved the use of the store front.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

The DDA reviewed the preliminary FinnFest schedule of events and registration prices.

16 hanging flower baskets will be installed for FinnFest, and 12 planters will be placed on the Citgo Island with blue and white flowers.

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It was moved by Luse, Jr. and seconded by J. Johnson to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem