

CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2013

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2013 with the following members present: Jonathan Luse, Jr., Kathy Johnson, Peter Wickley, Bonnie Holland, Carol Fisher and Lisa McKenzie.

Absent: Jim Bogan, Jordan Johnson and Steve Zutter

Guest/Staff: Glenn Anderson

Chairperson Wickley welcomed new Mayor Lisa McKenzie to the DDA, who replaces former Mayor Laitila on the DDA Board.

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Holland and seconded by K. Johnson to approve the October 7, 2013 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

The November 4, 2013 DDA meeting was not held due to not obtaining a quorum of voting members.

There were no public comments.

Updates/Information

-Heard the city campground had a good year with \$79,330 in revenue, down slightly from the record \$82,228 in 2012.

-discussed the possible significant ramifications of the announced closure of the Presque Isle Power Plant in Marquette on the Upper Peninsula Electric rates.

-heard that Risto's Hardware had purchased the former Salvation Army resale building located at 435 Hancock Street. Risto Hardware hopes to construct an addition and relocate his store to the new location in the early summer of 2014.

-heard that except for the siding the exterior façade work at 308 Quincy St. owned by Al McClellan was completed, and \$10,000 of DDA grant funds were paid.

-heard that the Book Concern façade grant of \$2,305.50 was paid to Jack Eberhard as work was completed.

-Received an update on the closing of the joint venture between Portage Health and Life Point.

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-Heard that the city was still working with Mike Lahti and the MEDC for a \$250,000 blight grant to help rehab the 119 Quincy St. building currently owned by Miner's State Bank.

The DDA Board reviewed the scope of legal services with Miller Canfield that the DDA approved for \$3,500 to assist the DDA in developing a TIFA plan amendment to extend the life of the DDA beyond 2014.

The DDA Board reviewed a summary of 2013 Downtown Reshape projects completed by a host of volunteers and the city and DDA. Chairperson Wickley thanked Reshape Downtown Chairperson Bonnie Holland for her leadership in achieving the completion of the many projects.

The DDA heard that the Navy St. Park Boardwalk project was completed by DP Construction at the end of November for a final contract price of \$342,986.44, down from the original contract amount of \$356,708. The DNR MNRTF grant will fund \$262,500 of the project, leaving a DDA funding balance of \$80,486.44

The DDA was briefed on the completion of the E. Hancock Stairway rehab project including the installation of 4 new 4' high light bollards. The project was funded in part from a \$10,400 Americana Foundation grant and \$10,000 from the city's general fund.

The DDA Board discussed the need to name 9 members to the Development Area Citizens Council, as the DDA boundary includes over 100 city residents.

The DDA Board discussed developing a proposed TIFA plan amendment to review and consider later in 2014. Potential names should be submitted to the city manager.

Chairperson Pete Wickley appointed DDA members Bonnie Holland and Jonathan Luse, Jr. to an ad hoc sub-committee to prepare a draft TIFA plan amendment.

The DDA Board reviewed an application from Umbrella Tree Properties, LLC, owned by Tom Ruonavaara for a façade grant for the WMPL building located at 324/326 Quincy St.

It was moved by Luse and seconded by Fisher to approve a one to one match façade grant for 324/326 Quincy St. for a maximum grant amount of \$10,000.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Holland and seconded by Fisher to cancel the January 6, 2014 meeting.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

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Motion Carried.

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Luse to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem