

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2014**

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular DDA Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014 with the following members present: Steve Zutter, Jim Bogan, Bonnie Holland, Peter Wickley, Lisa McKenzie, Jordon Johnson & Jonathan Luse.

Absent: Karen Johnson and Carol Fisher

Guests/Staff: Jennifer Tucker, John Haeussler and Glenn Anderson

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Luse and seconded by Zutter to approve the May 5, 2014 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: City Council member John Haeussler thanked the DDA for its financial support in providing the local match for the Navy St. Park Boardwalk project and other downtown promotions.

Updates/ Information

-Heard MEDC Community Assistance Team UP Employee Jennifer Tucker give an overview of the various downtown development and technical assistance grants her agency operates.

-Learned that the MTEC Smart Zone will be sponsoring the inaugural Keweenaw Engineering & Science Festival scheduled for August 3rd to August 8th, 2015 in conjunction with MTU's Alumni Reunion.

-Noted Mike Rose is hosting a first ever mini-cooper rally in the Keweenaw August 14th thru August 17th in conjunction with the Annual Brewfest fund raiser event.

-Heard that the August 5th primary election will ask for a 10 year 1.3690 mill renewal for roads and Prop. #1 will ask voters to approve a personal property tax reimbursement municipalities as part of the PPT reform legislation.

-Reviewed Houghton County's unfunded pension liability of \$8.9 million up to 2012.

-Reviewed the history from 2008 of the DDA's façade grant program with 31 grants totaling \$212,672.50 for an average award of \$6,860.

-Noted the TORI opens up for the season Wednesday, June 4th.

-Heard the Yooper Triathlon will again be held at the Hancock Beach on Sunday, June 15th at 10:00 a.m.

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-Noted the Annual Bridgefest Parade will be held on Friday, June 13th at 7:00 p.m. Parade staging will occur in Hancock on S. Lincoln Dr.

-Heard the City will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, June 6th at 10:00 a.m. for the Navy St. Park Boardwalk project.

-Heard the City Council has voted to make White Street one-way up at its May council meeting.

The DDA received a grant request from John Ylitalo, President of Northern Auto , Inc., 625 Quincy Street for help in demolishing a house to make room for inventory expansion and to meet his dealer requirements with Chrysler Corporation. The estimated cost to demo the house is \$15,000.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by Bogan to approve a 50% grant for a maximum of \$7,500 for business expansion of Northern Auto's sales lot, 625 Quincy St.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

The DDA discussed the need to upgrade the sidewalk snow removal vehicle. Currently, the city uses a 1993 trackless vehicle with 3,900 hours which was purchased for \$20,000 in 2001, the DDA paid for ½ the acquisition.

The City has identified newer used models in the price range of \$40,000, reconditioned, and with about 1,400 hours on it.

It was moved by Bogan and seconded by McKenzie to approve authorizing up to \$20,000 to purchase a newer used snow plow vehicle.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The DDA discussed sponsoring the first ever Key Ingredients event for Friday, July 18th from 6-8 p.m. with a food and music vendors in the downtown.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by Luse to appropriate \$1,500 to sponsor the Key Ingredient event on July 18th as part of the Canal Run event.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

The DDA Board expressed strong appreciation to Bonnie Holland for her work in promoting the downtown, the Jutila Center, and various clean up activities in the City. Bonnie is resigning from the DDA effective June 15, 2014.

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It was moved Bogan and seconded by McKenzie to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem