

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2016**

The regular monthly DDA meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peter Wickley on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at 399 Quincy Street with the following members present: Peter Mackin, Jonathan Luse, Jr., Peter Wickley, Kathy Johnson, John Diebel, Jordan Johnson, Steve Zutter and Jeff Lang

Absent: Lisa McKenzie

Guests/Staff: Jim Northey, Alan McClellan and Glenn Anderson

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Luse and seconded by J. Johnson to approve the June 6, 2016 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

-Reviewed the June 14th HB & PA minutes

-Noted that the 3rd Annual Key Ingredients will be held on Friday, July 15th with 14 musical groups.

-Heard that the 41st Annual Canal Run will be held on Saturday, July 16th

-Reviewed the new list of recyclables from Waste Management when the company takes over trash collection on Sept. 12th. Added to the new list is glass and clean pizza boxes, along with plastics #1 thru #8.

-Reviewed parking configuration changes to Tezcucu and Ravine St. to reflect construction progress on Quincy St.

-Learned that Tom Teliin has agreed to allow the City to use his lot for parking during Quincy St. construction. His lot is located at the SE corner of Mesnard and Quincy St. The City will provide liability coverage.

-Heard 800 people showed up at the 1st Quincy Street block party held on June 23rd, with 500 people served food.

-Heard that First Merit Bank will be taken over by Huntington National Bank this summer.

-Received a detailed update on the \$7.1 million Quincy St reconstruct project.

-Received an update on the \$2.1 million water distribution improvement project, with one block of Tezcucu St. and Mine St. completed.

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-Heard that Itiviti, 101 Quincy St and Northern Mutual Insurance Co. will be connecting to the new fiber conduit being installed by Peninsula Fiber Network.

-Heard that WUPPDR has selected Land Use USA, LLC as the vendor for conducting a retail target market analysis for 11 cities and villages in the 6 county areas. The City's cost share is \$2,000. The overall fee is \$23,000.

-Heard that 4 peregrine falcon chicks were born this summer on the North lift bridge tower.

-Heard the City was providing the co-op with concept drawings for selected relocation options.

The DDA Board received an offer of \$7,000 for the purchase of the DDA pocket park land from Northern Perspectives, LLC. City Manager Anderson said he values the property between \$7,000 and \$8,000. The lot is 25' wide + 120' long.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by Mackin to sell the property to Northern Perspectives, LLC for \$7,000, commencing at a point 50' west of the South East corner of Block 4 of the Village of Hancock, according to a recorded plat thereof, of record in the office of the Register of Deeds, in and for the County of Houghton, being the point of beginning, thence Northerly 120 feet, thence Westerly 25 feet, thence Southerly 120 feet, thence Easterly 25 feet, to the point of beginning being part of Lot 1 (one) and the East 12' of Lot two (2) in said Block four (4), expecting and reserving all minerals and mining rights of record, subject to the City reserving an easement for the existing pocket park, which after 5 years Northern Perspectives, LLC can terminate the easement with six months written notice.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Al McClellan, owner of Blast from the Past, business and building, 308 Quincy Street requested financial assistance with a demolition grant. He recently purchased a small blighted house located just south of his business located at 311 ½ Hancock Street that does not have legal access. He plans to use the land for tenant parking for his four apartments. He has purchased the house for \$9,000, and has a quote for \$5,000 from John Hendrickson Excavating for the demolition.

It was moved by Mackin and seconded by Zutter to award a business assistance demolition grant for one half the cost at \$2,500.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The DDA Board reviewed excerpts from the Houghton County Target Market Analysis prepared by Land Use USA under a WUPPDR sponsored grant from the MEDC & MSHDA under the RPI project. The report indicated the top four predominant life style cluster was True Grit Americans, Bohemian Grove, Colleges and Cafes, and Digital

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Dependents. The TMA indicated using a 3 year aggressive scenario market potential that townhouses and apartments needed.

It was moved by Luse and seconded by J. Johnson to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem