

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

The regularly monthly DDA meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peter Wickley on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at 399 Quincy Street with the following members present: Kathy Johnson, Jeff Lang, Peter Wickley, Jordan Johnson, Jonathan Luse, Jr., Pete Mackin, John Diebel and Lisa McKenzie

Absent: Steve Zutter

Guest/Staff: City Manager Glenn Anderson

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Lang and seconded by Mackin to approve the August 1, 2016 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

- Heard that Bruno's Motors has completed demolition of the blighted house at 621 Hancock Street to make room for more vehicle sales display area.
- Heard that Al McClellan has completed demolition of the blighted house located at 311.5 Hancock Street.
- Learned that St. Vincent De Paul has completed the removal of tile that contained asbestos at 206 Quincy Street building (the Janis bldg.)
- Noted that M & M Power Sports Service bay addition was under way by contractor DP Construction.
- Reviewed a Governor's news release dated Aug. 15, 2016 indicating that Cliff's Natural Resources and WEC Energy Group was planning to build 2 natural gas powered electric generating plants in the UP by 2020 which will allow the coal burning Presque Isle Power Plant to be retired
- Reviewed the 3 DNR draft plans to relocate and add additional camping sites to McLain State Park. Currently, due to lake erosion, 91 campsites are available, down from a high of 105 campsites in 1987. All 3 plans include either 112 or 122 campsites.
- Reviewed the August 9th, 2016 HB & PA minutes
- Heard that the Wisti-Lawton Apt. project is on hold to allow the owner to review the financial feasibility of the project, and will have a decision by the end of the year.
- Heard that the 4 apts. Reconstructed at 117/119 Quincy St. are now completed and are rented out.

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-Heard that Gitchee Gumee Cider Works will be bottling 3000 bottles this fall from last years apple crop, and plans to do 6000 bottles next year.

-Heard that the City of Houghton has decided to stop the experimental cross walk program that lasted 2 summers due to pedestrian and vehicle conflicts

-Heard the City has experienced four 100 year rain events this summer

-Heard the City will be unable, for the second year in a row, to host the 2017 Bridgefest Parade due to Front St. reconstruction scheduled for early to mid summer in 2017.

-Deb Mann suggested that future downtown façade work not be placed on top of the sidewalk, but have its own foundation separate form the sidewalk.

-Noted the Parade of Nations parade on Saturday, Sept. 17th.

-Heard La Cantina restaurant will be opening up this fall in the space Habanero's has been located at.

The DDA Board received a detailed briefing on the progress of the Quincy Street project from City Manager Glenn Anderson including light pole bases, granite pavers, blacktopping, and 700 block demolition.

The DDA Board reviewed the draft master plan report, including the downtown section and noted that the City will be holding a community forum on Monday, Sept. 12th, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Copper Country Art Center.

DDA member Pete Mackin suggested the City hold a joint meeting in late winter between the Council, DDA, Planning Commission, HB & PA members and downtown business owners to discuss future downtown promotion.

It was moved by Lang and seconded by Luse to approve paving the City owned 8 space parking lot located behind the Art Center from Arens Superior Paving for a cost of \$9,184.

AYES: K. Johnson, Lang, Wickley, J.Johnson, Luse, Diebel, MeKenzie

NAYES: None

Abstain: Mackin

Motion Carried

It was moved by Mackin and seconded by McKenzie to approve paving the DNR Trail section behind Coon Electric building, 100 Navy Street, from Arens Superior Paving for a cost of \$13,145

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

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It was moved by Luse and seconded by K. Johnson to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

AYES; All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem