

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019
6:00 P.M. 399 QUINCY STREET**

Regular Meeting:

Call to order by Chairperson Pete Wickley at 6:00 PM Present: Bob Frantti, John Diebel, Jordan Johnson, Steve Zutter, Jonathan Luse, Paul LaBine, Pete Mackin

Absent: Representative from UP Portage Hospital

Motion by Member Diebel and supported by Member Johnson to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Member Zutter and supported by Member Luse to approve the November 4, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments:

John Haeussler – Portage Drive, Hancock- Thanking Pete Wickley for 39 years of service to the DDA and for his >40 years of service to the City of Hancock in various capacities. Under Chairperson Wickley's direction, the DDA has accomplished much for the City of Hancock including façade grants, waterfront improvement, funding the HBPA and HBG and hiring a DDA Coordinator.

Updates/Information:

- Front Wall light work has been completed by the Keweenaw Power and Light, dimmer may be installed in future
- Grant application has been submitted for exterior improvements and landscaping of the 500 block of south Hancock Avenue through MSHDA for Neighborhood Enhancement Program for \$30,000. Announcement is expected on or around February 29, 2020.
- DEQ/ Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) has received a Notice of Intent to Establish Condominium Project for Quincy Green Condominium with Finlandia University listed as the developer and OHM Advisors preparing the plan. EGLE is working on other floors in the building.
- The City of Hancock is pursuing a new 40 acre Hancock Business and Technology Park on City owned land, with access from Lake Annie Road. The park may qualify for 80% grant/20% city funding because of a special grant aimed at assisting communities affected by disaster. (Father's Day Flood).

- The Houghton County Jail Task Force continues to work on a new proposal for the jail and has eliminated Camp Kitwin from consideration. A bond millage is again being considered for renovation of the Dodge Street Justice Center or building a new courthouse and jail
- The 2020 Census is being led by Houghton County Commissioner Glenn Anderson with an initiative to get a "Correct Count". It is important that residents use the address where they reside for at least six months and one day, including "snowbirds" and "full time university students". Census forms will be in the mail in March.

Other Business:

The Hancock Christmas Walk and festivities were very successful with some of the largest crowds present in several years.

Motion by Member Zutter and seconded by Member Luse to formally approve the Façade Grant for The Flower Shop. The work has been completed.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Vice Chairperson Jonathan Luse will now assume the duties as Chairperson of the Downtown Development Authority. The Vice Chair will now be appointed at the regular February meeting of the DDA.

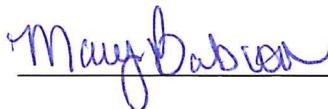
Pete Wickley expressed his gratitude to his counterparts through the 39 years of service on the DDA.

Motion by Member Zutter and seconded by Member Mackin to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Mary Babcock, Clerk