

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, January 8, 2024**

Regular Meeting:

Call to order by Chairperson Jon Luse at 6:00 p.m.
Present: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Lahti, Luse, Olsson, Rickard
Quorum present

Motion by Member Fiala and supported by Member Diebel to approve the agenda.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Motion by Member Rickard and supported by Member Fiala to approve the minutes of December 4, 2023.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Updates/Information

- **City of Hancock Winter Newsletter:** Sent to press on January 8 and will be in resident's mailboxes by the end of the week.
- **Heikinpäivä:** The City of Hancock's mid-winter festival is Saturday, January 27. There is a need for volunteers as the festival had leaned heavily on Finlandia University for volunteers in the past and is now needing more support from the community.
- **Community Sledding Party:** Scheduled for Saturday, January 20 from 2 – 4 pm on the Quincy Green Sledding Hill.
- **Community Skating Party:** Scheduled for Saturday, February 17 from 2 – 4 pm on the Laurn-Grove Skating Rink.
- **Recreation Area Map Signage:** The City of Hancock is looking to better communicate where our Recreation Areas are with better placemaking signage.
- **Facade Grant Application:** Create a committee to review the current facade grant application and to better communicate the intent of the grant to residents/business owners (how often may apply, facades or entire building, residential or commercial?)
- **2024 MEDC Match on Main:** Pinpoint businesses that the City of Hancock feel would be good candidates to champion for these \$25K grants.

New Business

1. Motion by Member Blau and supported by Member Fiala in support funding \$10,000 to create murals in the City of Hancock for Spring of 2024.

Yes: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Frantti, Lahti, Olsson, Rickard
No: None
Motion Carried

2. Motion by Member Rickard and supported by Member Diebel in support funding \$10,000 to create creative crosswalks along Quincy Street for Spring 2024.

Yes: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Frantti, Olsson, Rickard
No: Lahti
Motion Carried

3. Motion by Member Fiala and supported by Member Olson in support funding \$10,000 to create purchase new flag banners for light poles along Quincy Street in Spring 2024.

Yes: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Frantti, Lahti, Olsson, Rickard
No: None
Motion Carried

4. Motion by Member Blau and supported by Member Lahti in support funding \$10,000 to purchase new benches for Downtown Hancock for Spring 2024.

Yes: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Frantti, Lahti, Olsson, Rickard
No: None
Motion Carried

5. Motion by Member Diebel and supported by Member Ollson in support funding \$40,000 for events in Downtown Hancock for 2024.

Yes: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Frantti, Lahti, Olsson, Rickard
No: None
Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Melissa Davis announced that her non-profit had a great year and that she will be hosting Chris Miller on Tuesday, February 6 from 5:30 – 8:30 at the Orpheum Theater. The community is invited to learn more about crowd funding and how they can invest in our local businesses.

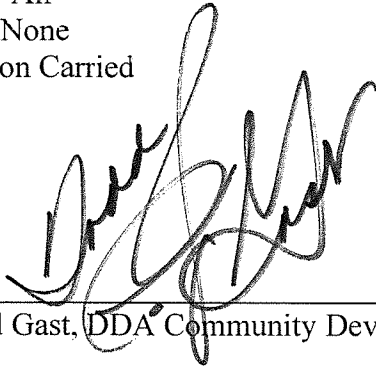
Cynthia Cote notes that the Art Plan for the City of Hancock have a cohesive plan and is will work with the City of Hancock to help.

Motion by Member Fiala and supported by Member Olsson to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Gast", is written over a horizontal line.

Todd Gast, DDA Community Development