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November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

The Wyandotte DDA was called to order at 5:30 PM on Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the Wyandotte City Council Chambers, 3131 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI. Members in attendance included: Chair Tony Trupiano, Gilbert Rose, Patt Slack, Norm Walker, Patrick VanDeHey, Gerry Lucas, Greg Gilbert and Brandon Wescott. Mayor Joseph Peterson and Arta Chiparo were excused and not in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Brandon Wescott asked that a communication from the First United Methodist Church be included in the information to receive and file and to be included in the minutes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Gilbert Rose motioned for approval of the October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Regular DDA Meeting minutes, seconded by Patt Slack, all voted in favor.

**PRESENTATIONS**

No presentations were given.

**INFORMATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE**

The monthly revenue/expenditure report was presented, Gerry Lucas motioned for approval of the report, seconded by Patrick VanDeHey, all voted in favor.

Brandon Wescott delivered the Director's Report, noting that the Totem Pole infrastructure is now completely removed, and that a drawn site plan for re-installation should be completed by the spring.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rich Cieslowski asked the DDA Board if they would want to donate \$200.00 for the Santa's Wyandotte Christmas Village and be a sponsor at that level. Gilbert Rose motioned to approve expenditure of \$200.00 from the Christmas line item, seconded by Gerry Lucas, all voted in favor.

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## INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Agenda Item 7 a 1 – Tony Trupiano presented the Christmas marketing campaign to the Board for discussion. It was noted there were concerns over generating more foot traffic downtown for the holiday season, and retention of current businesses downtown. It was also noted that this topic had not been brought up during the budget workshop process. After some discussion, a motion was offered by Gerry Lucas to fund the Christmas marketing campaign at a level of \$32,000.00 from the fund balance, seconded by Patt Slack. Greg Gilbert, Patrick VanDeHey, and Norm Walker all voted no, Tony Trupiano, Gerry Lucas, Patt Slack, and Gilbert Rose all voted yes, resulting in a 4-3 vote, motion carried. Brandon Wescott was charged with getting this item on the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting for Council discussion and approval.

Agenda Item 7 a 2 – Brandon Wescott informed the DDA Board that 21 banner sponsorship splices had been sold to date, and he noted that if anyone would like to purchase a sponsorship splice to contact the DDA office and the order would be handled promptly.

Agenda Item 7 a 3 – Brandon Wescott noted that he had been presented with the idea of having Maggie Molnar maintain the Fort Street sign area and asked the Board for discussion. Gilbert Rose motioned to have Brandon Wescott begin discussion with Maggie Molnar on the site, and to reach an agreement for her to maintain the area, seconded by Patrick VanDeHey, all voted in favor.

Agenda Item 7 a 4 – Brandon Wescott noted that George Gouth had asked if the DDA would like to fund promotional materials for the Totem Pole once it is completely rehabbed. At this time, the materials would consist of a new informational booklet and postcards. Brandon Wescott noted that he would bring this item back on the agenda once plans have been finalized.

Agenda Item 7 a 5 – Brandon Wescott noted that the Census LUCA materials had been received and reviewed. It was noted that Joe Sutka had compiled a list of nearly 300 addresses that were submitted to the Census LUCA program, and after the Census Canvassing were not included on the complete address file. Those 300 addresses are going to be checked against the demolition lists and other lists in the engineering department to make sure the complete address list is accurate. If inaccuracies are found, an appeal will be filed.

Agenda Item 7 a 6 – Tony Trupiano noted that in the past the December meetings had been cancelled. Gilbert Rose noted that if no new information is to come before the Board the meeting may be cancelled, but at this time the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting will still be held.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**ADJOURNMENT**

Gilbert Rose motioned for adjournment, seconded by Greg Gilbert all voted in favor of adjournment.