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October 18th, 2010

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The Wyandotte DDA was called to order at 5:30 PM on Tuesday October 12th, 2010 in the Wyandotte City Council Chambers, 3131 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, MI. Members in attendance included: Patt Slack, Norm Walker, Greg Gilbert, Gilbert Rose, Gerry Lucas, Leo Stevenson and Brandon Wescott. Mayor Joseph Peterson, Arta Chiparo, and Patrick VanDeHey were excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Gilbert Rose motioned to approve the amended agenda with the addition of proposed language to the business grant program (1a1) seconded by Gerry Lucas, all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gilbert Rose motioned to approve all sets of minutes as presented, seconded by Gerry Lucas, all voted in favor.

PRESENTATIONS

INFORMATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE

Gilbert Rose motioned to receive and file all the communications as presented seconded by Gerry Lucas, all voted in favor.

A roll call vote was offered for approval of the Monthly Revenue/Expenditure Report, all voted in favor.

Patt Slack delivered the Chairperson's report highlighting the recent Michigan Main Street Training that was attended by Arta Chiparo, Patt Slack and Brandon Wescott. Patt Slack also noted that investigation of beginning a community foundation will also be taking place in the near future.

Brandon Wescott delivered the Director's report highlighting the recent activity surrounding the purchase of property in the downtown area. It was also noted to coordinate working with the DCA and WBA to be sure when outside visitors come to Wyandotte they have information on businesses in the community.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Keast and Ms. Roumell addressed the DDA Board and noted she was very happy they would consider a grant to improve the façade of her property.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Agenda Item 7 a 1 – Brandon Wescott presented the findings of the grant committee and the following grants were presented for approval:

Angelina's	\$5,000.00	Committee Approved 9/30/10
Tossed and Found	\$4,976.00	Committee Approved 10/8/10
		Pending drawings and paid receipts.
Katherine Chambers	\$5,000.00	Committee Approved 10/8/10
Kay Roumell	\$5,000.00	Committee Approved 10/8/10
		noting it will be funded the 4 th quarter FY 2011 pending available funding.

Gilbert Rose motioned for approval of the grants, seconded by Gerry Lucas, all voted in favor except for Leo Stevenson as he recused himself from voting. Brandon Wescott also presented a draft policy to the grant program but it was noted for the Board to think about the language for a month before acting on adding any more proposed language.

Agenda Item 7 a 2 – Brandon Wescott noted that the economic restructuring committee will be convening and the first order of business for this committee will be to organize training for downtown improvements and funding allowable under the DDA law.

Agenda Item 7 a 3 – Brandon Wescott shared with the DDA Board a letter written by Mr. Joe Voszatka in regard to completing information on all the incentives available for downtown properties. More information will be available at the November 2010 meeting.

Agenda Item 7 a 4 – Brandon Wescott recommended continued membership in the Michigan Downtown Association and Gerry Lucas motioned for approval of continued membership, seconded by Leo Stevenson, all voted in favor.

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CITY OWNED PROPERTY UPDATE

Leo Stevenson noted that progress is occurring with the transient marina project as the City of Wyandotte fully supports the project. As more public information becomes available about the project it will be shared for everyone to review. Greg Gilbert noted that the City should continue its partnership with the MEDC to continue to work on bringing in higher technology jobs to the community. Norm Walker directed Brandon Wescott to send out letters to businesses downtown to make the public aware of the Business Grant program.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 9th, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

Gerry Lucas motioned for adjournment, seconded by Patt Slack all voted in favor of adjournment.