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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 10th 2014 at 5:30 pm

Council Chambers, 3200 Biddle Avenue, Suite 300, Wyandotte Mi. 48192

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Rose, Patt Slack, Greg Gilbert, Norm Walker, Leo Stevenson and John Jarjosa

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Peterson, Patrick VanDeHey, Gerry Lucas

OTHER PRESENT: Natalie Rankine, Heather Thiede, WBA Board Members, David Fuller

PUBLIC COMMENT:

P. Slack commented that she attended a performance at the Downriver Actors Guild (DAG) and was very impressed and thought it was very professional. The DAG was the recipient of a \$5,000.00 grant from the DDA.

H. Thiede thanked the DDA Board and Natalie Rankine, John Jarjosa and Norm Walker for their support, volunteerism and contributions to the Fishing Derby.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA:

Motion by P. Rose, supported by P. Slack to approve of the minutes from the May DDA Meeting and the agenda for the June meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

INFORMATION TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE:

- a. Beautification Commission Minutes
- b. WBA Plan for May

Motion by G. Gilbert, supported by N. Walker to receive and place these items on file. All in favor, motion carried.

MONTHLY REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT:

The committee discussed.

Motion by N. Walker, supported by P. Slack to approve the revenue/expenditure report for May 2014. Roll Call, all in favor, motion carried.

ONGOING PROJECTS AND BUSINESS:

- a. WBA Update: N. Bader from the WBA explained the revenue and expenditure report to the DDA board members. The groups discussed. They also commented on the new website changes and how easy it is now to find information and apply for the WBA.
- b. Downtown Wi-Fi: D. Fuller updated the group on the changes on the Downtown WiFi. He explained that the Municipal Service staff moved the wireless access points to a street pole at Biddle and Sycamore. He stated that it is up and running and will be ready for the WSAF in the next few weeks. P. Slack stated that it is wonderful progress. D. Fuller commented that he will provide coverage maps after they place the third access point downtown. The group discussed.
- c. DDA Strategic Plan: N. Rankine stated that over 900 people took the survey which is wonderful. The futuring committee is to review the draft plan July 1st at 4:30 pm.
- d. New developments: 3131 Biddle, 2333 Biddle Avenue, 2929 Biddle and 3063 Biddle: 2929 Biddle Avenue will be demolished with no plan to rebuild at this point. 2333 Biddle will be open in September or October. 3063 Biddle will be resubmitting the grants but is committed no matter the outcome. The group discussed.
- e. Parking Lot: N. Rankine has not heard anything yet from Engineering regarding the parking lot.
- f. Farmers Market: Over 1,100 people attended the opening farmers market. There are now 25 vendors at the market and this upcoming Thursday is Kids Day.
- g. Outdoor Café: N. Rankine received the information from Mr. Look the City Attorney. G. Gilbert stated that he read Mr. Looks thoughts on the subject and expressed his comments to the group. He stated that he is very opposed to forcing any restaurant to have an outdoor café. L. Stevenson stated that the intent was copy the success of Royal Oak to mandate this outdoor café. He stated that when people pass by the downtown and see that buzz it would promote them to join in the activity. P. Rose commented that he shares apprehension and braveness. The group discussed.

9A. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Grant Applications:
 - a. Alvi's BBQ: Recommended \$5,000

Motion by L. Stevenson, supported by N. Walker to grant Alvi's \$5,000. Roll Call, all in favor. Motion Carried.

- b. CIA: Recommended \$2,000

Motion by L. Stevenson, supported by G. Gilbert to grant the CIA \$2,000. Roll Call, all in favor. Motion Carried.

- c. White Furniture: Recommended to defer to September. The committee discussed a revision to the current guidelines.
 - 1. Aesthetics of new Business
 - 2. Maintenance for existing business

The group discussed that they would be against granting a current business a maintenance grant simply due to lack thereof. The group reviewed.

Motion by L. Stevenson, supported by N. Walker to approve of the new additions to the grant guidelines. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by L. Stevenson, supported by G. Gilbert to defer White Furniture's grant request to review again after September of 2014. Roll call, All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. WBA: Draft Contract for 2015 fiscal year: N. Rankine reviewed the changes for 2015 with the committee. She then stated that she emailed the WBA Board the draft for their review.

Motion by N. Walker, supported by G. Gilbert to approve of the 2015 WBA/DDA contract. All in favor, motion carried.

- c. 2015 DDA Budget: Update: N. Rankine stated there will be a budget meeting held after this regular DDA meeting to review plans and she will get the final budget over to the DDA Board next month.
- d. Marina – N. Rankine stated that the city has received a grant for the project and the City Engineer is waiting to hear about the other funding. He is to give an update to N. Rankine shortly.

L. Stevenson would like to recommend the creation of a committee to discuss how the Downriver Actors Guild and other groups alike can cooperate and promote each other along with the DDA and WBA groups to help promote downtown Wyandotte. P. Slack was recommended to chair that group.

Motion by L. Stevenson, supported by N. Walker to approve the nomination of P. Slack to work with the DDA/WBA and Downriver Actors Guild to cross promote eachothers projects/groups. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by L. Stevenson, supported by N. Walker to adjourn the June DDA Meeting at 7 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Thiede, Recording Secretary