

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 9th 2018 at 5:30 pm
Mayors Conference Room, 3200 Biddle Avenue, Suite 300, Wyandotte Mi. 48192

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patt Slack, Ann Majlinger, Vanessa Morse, Norm Walker, Mikelle Vargas, Rick DeSana, Mayor Peterson, Leo Stevenson, Bryan Kozinski

MEMBERS EXCUSED: John Jarjosa,

OTHERS PRESENT: Heather Thiede – Champlin, Irial Maloney, Arron Young

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aaron Young presented to the DDA stating he denied the offer of the DDA Director position but is willing to obtain a 501C3 to contract with the City of Wyandotte. He stated he would not be a city employee but work with the city through a contract. He asked for a chance to present his idea further to the DDA. P. Slack stated that he could present this plan at the November meeting to the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA:

Motion by P. Slack supported by A. Majlinger to approve the DDA Minutes from September agenda from October. All in favor. motion carried.

ITEMS TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE:

None

ONGOING PROJECTS AND BUSINESS:

- a. **DDA Director Hiring:** P. Slack stated that she would like a subcommittee to review A. Young's proposal. N. Walker, M. Vargas, and B. Kozinski volunteered for the subcommittee. The committee discussed. Mayor J. Peterson requested A. Young to obtain his 501C3 license before the subcommittee review his proposition. The committee agreed.
- b. **Viaduct Update:** P. Slack explained the ideas N. Rankine proposed in a prior meeting. She stated N. Rankine will be creating an alternate plan that is based on hard surfaces. P. Slack then stated it will be reviewed by the Engineering Department for approval, to then be put up for bid to contractors.
- c. **WOW 360 Events 2019-2021 Approval:** H. Thiede stated that she supports the WOW 360 Events contract and explained the benefits to their partnership. P. Slack stated that she supports how the events are being managed in Downtown Wyandotte and that she encourages more events. H. Thiede explains that WOW 360 Events would like to exchange costs with sponsorship for the NYE 2018 Event.

Motion by L. Stevenson, supported by Mayor J. Peterson to approve the WOW 360 Events contract for the years of 2019-2020 and the sponsorship of \$7,000 for the NYE 2018 event. Roll Call. All in favor. Motion carried.

- d. **Ron Thomas – R. Thomas requested an extension to the grant funding deadline he was granted for the building at Oak and First Street. The committee discussed.**

Motion by Mayor J. Peterson, supported by L. Stevenson to approve the extension for Ron Thomas. Roll Call. All in favor. Motion carried.

- e. **Wyandotte Third Friday and Farmers Market Questions:** H. Thiede explained how she will be creating a draft for a grant that will provide PR for the businesses. P. Slack stated how the Wyandotte Third Friday's is under a transition period this year. H Thiede stated that there was a need to have more family events to help strengthen relationship with the community. She also explained how the Farmers Market will be combined with other events. The committee discussed.
- f. **Wyandotte Today Holiday Shopping Guide:** H. Thiede stated that she is working on a guidebook that is a tangible item for pedestrians to have at events. She explains that it would have the business listings of the DDA, a map of the businesses, and would have event information on it. The committee discussed and were in favor of this future publication.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

November 13th 2018

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Thiede, Deputy Recording Secretary