

Downtown Development Authority
Meeting Minutes
5:30 PM, Tuesday, December 10th, 2019
Council Chambers, 3200 Biddle Avenue, Suite 300
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Jordan, Bryan Kozinski, Anne Majlinger, Patt Slack, Leo Stevenson,

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mayor Peterson, Rick DeSana, John Jarjosa, Norm Walker

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Gruber, DDA Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA:

Minutes from November 2019

Motion by L. Stevenson, supported by A. Majlinger to approve the minutes from the October regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

INFORMATION TO RECEIVE & PLACE ON FILE:

MONTHLY REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT

Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report: November 30th, 2019

Motion by L. Stevenson, supported by B. Kozinski to accept and approve the Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report. Roll Call. All in Favor, motion carried.

ONGOING PROJECTS & BUSINESS:

November 2019 Event Recap: Director Gruber reported that Christmas Parade, Christmas Tree Lighting and 3rd Friday Cookie Walk were all very well attended events with lots of positive feedback and great publicity. Director Gruber shared great feedback and positive results for the Small Business Saturday 2019.

Downtown GalleryWay: Director Gruber reported that there were delays in the development of the Downtown GalleryWay space and that a large Spring 2020 opening is the new goal.

NEW BUSINESS:

DDA Grant Committee: Director Gruber shared and outlined an application from Finazzo Construction Company in the construction of a new co-working office location including 9 individual offices at 440 Eureka Road. L. Stevenson shared a report following the DDA Grant Committee meeting highlighted that the application had several ineligible expenses but is a very desirable project that aims to bring more businesses and employees into Downtown. L. Stevenson shared the official DDA Grant Committee recommendation to award the project \$20,000 (as opposed to the requested \$40,000) with reimbursement contingent upon at least three signed and executed leases to be sent to the DDA Director's office for review. Mr. Johnpaul Finazzo was present to answer the Board's questions and offer more insight into the project.

Motion by L. Stevenson, supported by P. Slack, to accept and approve the Downtown Grant Application for Finazzo Construction Company contingent upon lease agreements for three of nine offices being turned into the DDA Director. Roll Call. All in Favor, motion carried.

Arrowhead Pavilion Brick Sales: Director Gruber and Chairwoman Slack promoted the Downtown Brick Sale Program aimed to raise funds for public beautification projects and the Downtown GalleryWay. Chairwoman Slack outlined the vision and progress on the improvements made to the GalleryWay space and shared a history of the art and artist.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 14, 2019

ADJOURNMENT: 5:45 PM

Motion by A. Majlinger, supported by B. Kozinski to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Gruber, DDA Director