

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2015**

The regular monthly DDA meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Jon Luse on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Steve Zutter, Kathy Johnson, Jon Luse Jr., Jordan Johnson, Lisa McKenzie and John Diebel.

Absent: Peter Wickley, Jim Bogan and Carol Fisher

Guests/ Staff: David Hall and Glenn Anderson

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by J. Johnson to approve the agenda and add items 4 & 5 to the agenda, start-up grant and façade grant for K.C. Bonkers Toys and Coffee, 119 Quincy St.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by McKenzie to approve the February 2, 2015 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The March 2, 2015 DDA meeting was not held because of a non-quorum.

Public Comments:

David Hall, 1002 10th Ave., Houghton, MI was present to request Hancock consider improving Quincy Street and Hancock street pedestrian crossings, including asking for a traffic signal or pedestrian triggered stop light. He also presented the DDA with a 2 page letter on his concerns.

Updates/Information

-reviewed the public comments from business owners on the March 19th streetscape forum

-reviewed the March 10, 2015 HB & PA minutes

-Heard an update on the U.P. Electric power issue, with Wisconsin Energy Corp. now staying in the UP market and will now invest in a new National Gas Plant in conjunction with Cliffs National Resources and other investors.

-reviewed the \$11 million, 2016 Quincy Street project financing overview, and noted the following:

Budget

Design & Engineering Inspection \$1,762,126

Construction		<u>\$9,250,647</u>
	Total	\$11,012,773
<u>Financing</u>		
MDOT		\$6,950,218
City		<u>\$4,062,555</u>
	Total	\$11,012,773
<u>Water Project</u>		
Loan		\$1,992,000
Grant		<u>\$1,808,000</u>
	Total	\$3,800,000

- heard that the water project financing has been found eligible by Rural Development
- reviewed the details of the 2016 water project
- reviewed the March 2015 SmartZone CEO report
- noted the SHPO has found “No historic properties are affected” regarding the Vollwerth’s Inc. proposed project 200 Hancock Street, the city has applied for a \$176,000 MEDC grant
- reminded DDA members to sign up for the May 28th MSU Placemaking Strategy Workshop to be held in the city
- noted the registration of long time DDA member Jim Bogan effective April 1, 2015
- heard Steve Polakowski owner of the Lodge, 101 Front St. has talked about obtaining a special downtown redevelopment liquor license from the State
- Heard that both Peninsula Fiber and AT & T plan to install fiber optics in Quincy St. in 2016

The DDA reviewed in detail the 45 page Quincy, Front and Reservation Street Streetscape project prepared by OHM Advisors for the 2016 reconstruct and streetscape project.

During the 2016 project, scheduled from mid April to late October, Hancock Street will become 2-way traffic with a 3rd turning lane, and will handle between 19,356 and 21,695 vehicles per day. There will be no parking on Hancock Street during the project.

Every block will have 3 bike racks installed, and 4 parking spaces will be removed on Quincy St. for cross walk/curb extensions.

MDOT will pay for the block work and filling in all old coal chutes that extend out into the sidewalk right-of-way.

The DDA Board reviewed the details of the May 5th Proposal 1 designed to add \$1.2 billion more a year in road funding. If approved, the city would receive 60% more funds per year for road maintenance and paving.

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The DDA Board reviewed a \$10,000 façade grant application from David Monticello, formally Monticello's Grocery building, 701 Quincy Street for window replacement by the owner. It was moved by Diebel and seconded by J. Johnson to table the request pending details on the size, # of windows, locations and prices for the windows.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The DDA Board reviewed a \$10,000 façade grant application from Northern Perspectives, LLC, Sonia Goltz and Jim Northey, 101 Quincy St. (formerly the Wisti Law Office) for a design and façade grant.

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Zutter to table the façade grant request pending detailed plans and price quotes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by J. Johnson to approve a \$500 design grant to Northern Perspectives, LLC, 101 Quincy St.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The DDA Board received a \$10,000 façade grant from Mark Korpela, owner of World of Wood, 215 Hancock Street to partially fund a brick façade with copper top deck on the new 3,332 sq. ft. addition to match the previous addition façade. It was moved by Zutter and seconded by McKenzie to approve a \$10,000 matching façade grant to World of Wood, 215 Hancock St. for the 3,332 sq. ft. addition to be built this year.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The DDA Board received a request from Clay Hilman for start-up funding for K.C. Bonker's proposed toy and coffee shop to open in June at 119 Quincy St. It was moved by Zutter and seconded by McKenzie to approve a \$3,000 start-up business grant for K.C. Bonker's at 119 Quincy Street.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The DDA Board received a request from Clay Hilman, K.C. Bonker's Toys & Coffee, 119 Quincy Street for a matching façade grant for signage improvements.

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It was moved by Zutter and seconded by J. Johnson to authorize a \$1,140 façade grant (signage) to K.C. Bonker's Toys & Coffee, 119 Quincy St.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by McKenzie to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-tem