

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019  
6:00 P.M. 399 QUINCY ST.**

**Regular Meeting:**

Call to order by Chairperson Pete Wickley at 6:00 PM

Present: Bob Frantti, Jordan Johnson, Jonathan Luse, John Diebel, Steve Zutter, Pete Mackin

Absent: Randy Neiswonger, Paul LaBine

Motion by Member Luse and supported by Member Zutter to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Member Johnson and supported by Member Frantti to approve the October 7, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comments:**

John Haeussler – Portage Drive, Hancock – Thanking efforts of Hancock Beautification Group (HBG). Thanking DDA for support of HBG. Applaud the DDA for engaging the business community. Concern regarding change to Agricultural Zoning. Encourage the DDA to make results of survey known to City Council and encourage continued engagement of the DDA, general public, Planning Commission, and City Council.

Jeannie DeClerck (HBG) – Quincy Street, Hancock – Requesting approval of \$2150 for the purchase of seeds for spring planting by Sleemans Greenhouses for planters and hanging baskets. Request support for watering to be a City of Hancock and DDA priority.

Allyson Jabush – Maple Street – Many current and new projects accomplished during Make a Difference Day. Expressed concern regarding the state of the wall and staircase at the corner of Tezcuco and Quincy Street at General Glass Building. Concerned about safety and historic significance of corridor.

**Updates/Information**

- Equipment grants for a Snowblower and Mini Excavator are in process and the public hearing will be done at the next City Council meeting. Special funding through Rural Development for \$50,000 per vehicle.
- The final FEMA project has been submitted for approval. There are 5 projects that have been obligated and are in the design and bid phase.
- Houghton County new house building permits are down by 5 year to date.
- Houghton County Building Permits are up by 25 year to date.
- The PLWSA flow is down by 11.7123% for the year.

- There will be a Marijuana Informational Meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at the Finnish American Heritage Center.
- Terrace Park improvements have been completed with additional funding through Portage Health Foundation.
- Flood insurance paperwork is at the County for the processing.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Motion by Member Luse and supported by Member Zutter to approve request for \$2150 for HBG to purchase the products in the budget request #1.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Member Zutter and supported by Member Mackin to recommend that the DDA send a letter to the City Council with the results of the preliminary survey, and a recommendation to not permit recreational marijuana business in the core of Historic Downtown Hancock. The DDA also recommends that Council do more research on the topic before making a decision.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

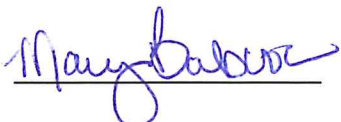
Peter Wickley submitted is verbal resignation from the DDA after over 30 years of service.

Motion by Member Luse and supported by Member Zutter to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Mary Babcock, Clerk