

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, December 4, 2023**

Regular Meeting:

Call to order by Vice Chairperson John Diebel at 6:00 p.m.
Present: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Frantti, Lahti, Ollson, Rickard
Quorum present
Absent: Luse

Motion by Member Fiala and supported by Member Frantti to approve the agenda.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Public Comment: Alan Salmi (121 Water Street, Hancock)

- Concerned about the closure of Retro Rental and Repair
- Is there a City of Hancock Master Plan printed that he could have access to
- Paint “fake crosswalks” or solid white lines that create an optical illusion and slows down the speed of auto traffic on Quincy Street

Motion by Member Blau and supported by Member Franti to approve the minutes of November 6, 2023.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried

Updates/Information

- **Annual Christmas Walk:** The Hancock Business Association (HBA) Annual Christmas Walk was a tremendous success.
- **Quarterly Newsletter:** The City of Hancock’s Quarterly Newsletter for the 1st Quarter of 2024 will be published in January. All content must be received by December 8th to be printed/delivered by the beginning of January.
- **224 Quincy Street:** New window graphics were installed at 224 Quincy Street to both enhance the look of the windows and to encourage the sale of the property with positive messaging.
- **Skating and Sledding Parties:** The City of Hancock is planning winter activities for 2024. Dates to be announced soon.
- **Heikinpaiva:** Plans are underway for Hancock’s Midwinter Festival on January 27th.
- **224 Quincy Street Blight Elimination Grant:** Due December 8th

New Business

1. Motion by Member Fiala and supported by Member Rickard in support of DDA Resolution 23-01 in support of a Blight Elimination Program Grant for 224 Quincy Street.

Yes: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Frantti, Lahti, Ollson, Rickard

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment: Alan Salmi (121 Water Street, Hancock) commends the DDA on the work being done for the City of Hancock. Due to the religious diversity in the area please consider renaming the Christmas Walk to the Holiday Walk.

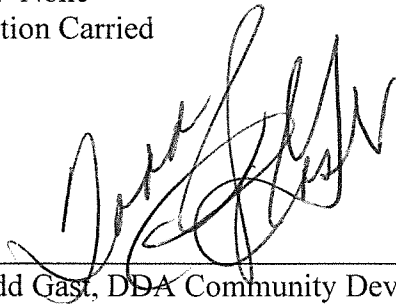
Acknowledged the retirement of Bob Frantti from the DDA and thanked him for his service.

Motion by Member Fiala and supported by Member Blau to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Todd Gast, DDA Community Development