

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2010**

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular monthly DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 12, 2010 at City Hall with the following members present: Bonnie Holland, Peter Wickley, Bill Laitila, Carol Fisher and Kathy Johnson.

Absent: Frank Taucher, Jim Bogan and Steve Zutter.

Guest/Staff: Glenn Anderson

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Fisher to approve the agenda with one addition, discuss the proposed hosting of the 2013 Finn Fest.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Laitila and seconded by Fisher to approve the June 7, 2010 regular meeting minutes and the June 14, 2010 special meeting minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

-Reviewed the June 8, 2010 HB & PA minutes.

-Heard that the Cortrights had secured the liquor license for Harbenaro's Fresh Mexican Kitchen at 101 E. Quincy St. and were exploring final project financing.

-Heard that Frank Taucher has sold Frank's True Value store.

-Heard that Kathy's Country Flowers was considering a possible sale.

-Heard that Mark Johnson had purchased the Gartner's Furniture business and received an option to purchase the building for a 3 year term for \$500,000, with rental fees applying toward the purchase price.

-Heard that the city DPW crew replaced both water and sewer service lines to 424 Hancock St. Lahti Building.

-Heard that the National Park Service is expected to make a decision this fall on where the new Isle Royale Park Headquarters complex will be built.

-Learned that the 35th Canal Run is scheduled for July 17th and will have an expanded list of activities, all located in Hancock.

-Reviewed the agenda for the Hancock Public Schools All School Reunion scheduled for July 30th, 31st and August 1st.

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- Reviewed a completed site plan for Lahti's 3 plex townhouse development located at 416, 418 and 420 Hancock St.
- Heard from Bill Laitila that over 80 people came together for a preliminary planning session for FU & Hancock to apply to host the 2013 Finn Fest event. Hancock hosted the event in 1985 and 1990.
- Received a briefing on the DDA Downtown Marketing Campaign currently underway.
- Heard that 308 DDA \$5.00 coupons had been redeemed so far with a 50/50 cost split.
- Heard that Augustine's Curious Goods store on S. Lincoln had completed the façade work.
- Reviewed the four restaurant placemats recently printed and distributed.

The DDA reviewed a letter from the DNRE dated June 18, 2010 denying the city a wetlands permit to construct a proposed walkway on Navy St. by Coon Electrics Building because of concern on fisheries resources. The DDA will review its options at the next meeting. The proposed work included filling the shoreline with mine rock fill. A revised plan to install the walkway on piling may gain permit approval, but would be more expensive.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Fisher to approve a matching mini façade grant for up to \$10,000 to Soren Dresch for window replacement on the old Masonic Temple building, 228 Hancock St. with the condition the work be done by December 31, 2010.

AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried

It was moved by Laitila and seconded by Holland to cancel the August 2nd DDA meeting.

AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Fisher to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem

