

CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2013

Chairperson Pete Wickley called the regular monthly DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Monday, February 4, 2013 at City Hall with the following members present: Pete Wickley, Bonnie Holland, Kathy Johnson, Carol Fisher, Steve Zutter and Bill Laitila.

Absent: Jim Bogan and Jordan Johnson

Guest/Staff: Charles Johnson, P.E., and Glenn Anderson

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Zutter to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Zutter to approve the December 3, 2012 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

-Noted that a 10 year renewal County wide millage vote will be needed in 2014 for 1.5 mills, as the existing 10 year millage is expiring. The millage raises about \$70,000 per year for city snow removal costs.

-Heard that the reconstruction of 116 Quincy St. building by Mike Lahti into 7 new apartments and one commercial space should be done by the end of February. Currently, carpeting and appliances are being installed.

-Heard that MSHDA had agreed to fund additional downtown apartment conversions with 2 units at the WMPL building, 326 Quincy St., 4 units at 308 Quincy St., Al McClellan building; 3 units at 234 Quincy St., Kaleva building; and 4 units at 228 Hancock St., Soren Dresch.

-Heard that Habanero's had been nominated U.P. Business of the Year by KEDA.

-Heard that Monticello's Grocery Store, 701 Quincy St., closed on December 24, 2012.

Dave Monticello is the new owner of the building, and he is looking at a variety of reuses for the first floor.

-Noted that the city will hold a Gala Sesquicentennial Dinner on Friday, April 12th.

-Reviewed the annual FY 11/12 DDA report that was published in the Gazette on February 2, 2013.

-Reviewed the January 8, 2013 HB & PA minutes.

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- Heard that MDOT received bids on February 1st for repaving M203 and portions of Quincy Street.
- Discussed the State request for proposals for a new Dept. of Human Services office, currently located at 200 Quincy St.
- The city continues to look at reuse options and grants for 119 Quincy St., currently owned by Miners State Bank.
- Citizens Bank has now been taken over by FirstMerit Bank out of Akron, Ohio.

Bonnie Holland briefed the DDA Board on the proposed Reshape Downtown 2013 spring projects, and included several projects for review.

Holland received a proposal from Halonen Landscaping to install a mini pocket park at the Kukkonen lot adjacent to Quincy Loafers in the 100 block of Quincy Street.

Halonen quoted both \$2,750 or \$3,750 cost for different options, along with \$300.00 to improve Navy St. by the Coon Electric building, on the Waterfront side of Navy Street.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by K. Johnson to approve on expenditure of \$3,750 to Halonen Landscaping for a pocket park on the Kukkonen lot and \$300 for Navy St. improvements.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Laitila and seconded by Holland to extend appreciation to Frank Taucher, Jr. for his service to the DDA. Frank had declined reappointment.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

The DDA Board reviewed the draft design of the new 10' x 362' Navy St. Park Boardwalk with Charles Johnson, P.E., OHM Advisors. The project includes 3 ADA fishing piers. Johnson provided various dock height information along with historic Lake Superior levels. His firm has proposed a dock height of 605.7. The Ramada Inn dock is at 606.5. The Planning Commission also reviewed the plans and suggested a dock height of 605.3. The construction budget is \$320,000. Both a COE and DEQ wetland permit will have to be received before construction can start.

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Zutter to approve the preliminary plans at the 605.3 dock level.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

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Kathy Johnson proposed the city consider Jonathan Luse, Jr. for the DDA Board opening.

It was moved by Holland and seconded by Zutter to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary