

CITY OF HANCOCK  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2014

The regular monthly DDA meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peter Wickley on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Lisa McKenzie, Johnathan Luse Jr., Jordan Johnson, Kathy Johnson and Peter Wickley.

Absent: Jim Bogan, Steve Zutter and Carol Fisher

Guests/Staff: Craig Brewer and Glenn Anderson

It was moved by J. Johnson and seconded by Luse to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Luse to approve the October 6, 2014 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

There were no public comments.

Updates/Information

-Heard that the City Council has scheduled a public hearing for November 19<sup>th</sup> on the DDA 30 year plan amendment. Pete Wickley volunteered to represent the DDA at the hearing.

-Reviewed the October 14, 2014 HB & PA minutes.

-Heard the \$15,900 Swedetown Creek Middle Bridge has been delivered, but will not be installed until 2015.

-Noted the campground usage was down a modest amount due to the colder and wet summer conditions. About 4400 camper days were utilized.

-Reviewed marketing information on the upcoming August 5-8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Keweenaw Science and Engineering Festival.

-Reviewed the October 1, 2014 MDOT Lift Bridge Project communication working group minutes.

-Reviewed a proposed concept drawing of a unique figure 8 round-a-bout for the US 41/M 203 intersection.

-Noted that Michigan has protested the proposed merger between WI Energy Corp and Integrys Energy Group.

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- Heard that UPPCO is estimating an 8 to 10% increase in electric bills for commercial customers due to the FERC Presque Isle Power Plant (PIIP) System surcharge resource (SSR) effective with the January, 2015 bills.
- Noted there were 3 FERC SSR orders for the UP, including PIIP, White Pine and Escanaba.
- Reviewed federal clean air initiatives over the next several years.
- Reviewed a letter from the Attorney General's office to FERC on the UP Electric rate crisis.
- Noted there were 6 filings to MISO about potential new electric power generation in the UP, but none have stated serious efforts.
- Heard that Risto's is expected to open his new hardware store at 435 Hancock St. on November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Noted the building located at 108 Quincy St. owes 2012 and 2013 back taxes for \$4,822.75 plus 2014 taxes.
- Reviewed that latest proposed MDOT Bridge closing schedule and time tables.

The DDA Board reviewed the preliminary street scape design prepared by OHM Advisors and reviewed the latest proposed budget estimate of \$1,320,092.75.

The DDA Board was informed that Julie Melchiori had relocated her Houghton sewing business to Hancock located at 210A Quincy St. Her business is called Keweenaw Sewing, and she will offer locally made products and alterations, and is also doing contract sewing for Jarquant products of Ironwood under the Stormy Kromer brand. She has 2 employees, but hopes to get up to 10 employees in the near future.

Craig Brewer, who lives at 805 Pine St. presented the DDA with a business plan to open a business called Barter Bin to be located at 129 Quincy St. He presented a one year operating budget, and requested a start up grant from the DDA. Brewer has worked for 7 years as the Salvation Army Thrift Store manager in Hancock. He also owns and operates the Cart Wagon, a pick up and delivery business.

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by J. Johnson to award a \$3,000 start up grant to Craig Brewer for rent and utility payments for Barter Bin to be located at 129 Quincy St. with a requirement of a report due on the business on June 1, 2015.

AYES: All  
NAYES: None  
Motion Carried

It was moved by Luse and seconded by K. Johnson to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

AYES: All  
NAYES: None  
Motion Carried

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Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson  
Secretary Pro-Tem