

CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2015

The regular monthly DDA meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pete Wickley on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Jeff Lang, Pete Wickley, Jordan Johnson, Jon Luse, Jr., and John Diebel

Absent: Lisa McKenzie, Kathy Johnson and Steve Zutter

Guests/ Staff: Peter Mackin and Glenn Anderson

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Luse and seconded by Diebel to approve the October 5, 2015 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Updates/Information

-learned that MDOT reversed its policy that would have required a 15% city deposit on the 2016 streetscape project

-noted the campground had record use and revenue with \$88,675 of revenue and an estimated 5,000 user day stays

-reviewed a map of the \$2.3 million 2016 water project which includes the replacement of undersized water mains, 28 new valves, 21 new hydrants and 80 new service laterals. The project will be bid on February 12th 2016

-heard that MDOT will be doing the first pilot section using 2000 feet of Gator Bar for reinforcing 1,000 foot sections of curb on Quincy Street. The Gator Bar is made in Ahmeek by Neuvokas Corp.

-confirmed that Carol Fisher resigned from the DDA Board on October 7, 2015 and the City and DDA sent an appreciation letter.

-learned the City was awarded a \$1,419,043 grant by the DEQ SAW program to undertake extensive condition assessments of the sanitary sewer and storm sewer system which will result in comprehensive asset management plans for each utility.

-heard that Hancock will hold its tri-annual Alumni All-School Reunion July 28, 29, and 30, 2016

-reviewed the Oct. 13th and Nov. 10th HB & PA minutes

-heard that Mario Paoli, Credit Services Inc., 304 Quincy Street had completed its façade work replacing 13 windows and one door.

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- heard MODT will be testing the Lift Bridge the last week in January and final testing the last week in March. In the Spring MDOT will replace the closure gates.
- heard the City has applied for a \$160,000 MSHDA grant for 4 apartment renovations on the 3rd floor of the Wisti-Lawton building, 101 Quincy St.
- heard that Mike Lahti has finished the 2nd floor façade on the 119 Quincy St. building.
- learned that Bill Anderson's Drum Studio has opened up at 127 Quincy St., replacing the Barter Bin store.
- heard Vollwerth's expansion and façade project was on schedule and on budget
- discussed Gino's loan delinquency as of August
- hear-heard that Evergreen Technology is affiliated with Shaanxi Futianbao Environmental and that the Houghton Efficiency Team may locate to 422 A Quincy St. in December located in T'ran, Shaanxi, China and will invest \$5 million over 5 years, and create 10 to 15 jobs over 3 years
- the DDA reviewed and approved the design for the Krist Triangle welcome to downtown Hancock sign.

The DDA Board reviewed a 2 year cash project showing revenue for FY 16 and FY 17 at \$430,660 and expenses of \$389,800, of which \$235,275 will be the streetscape match.

The DDA reviewed the States new \$1.2 billion increase in transportation funding starting in FY17 and will be fully implemented in FY21, and noted the MDOT \$1.8 billion bond debt taken out and spent in 2001. The City expects a 17% increase of \$80,995 in FY17 and a 54% increase of \$231,698 in FY21.

It was moved by Luse and seconded by J. Johnson to cancel the February 1, 2016 DDA Meeting.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Lang and seconded by J. Johnson to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary