

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2016**

The regular monthly DDA meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Jonathan Luse, Jr. on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at 399 Quincy St. with the following members present: Kathy Johnson, Steve Zutter, Jonathan Luse, Jr., Pete Mackin, Jeff Lang, John Diebel and Lisa McKenzie

Absent: Jordan Johnson and Pete Wickley

Guests/Staff: Carol Freeman and Glenn Anderson

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Mackin to approve the Sept. 12, 2016 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Public Comments: Carol Freeman asked the DDA for financial assistance to advertise the TORI Farmers Market in 2017. It was noted that the TORI received a \$3,000 RPI grant from WUPPDR for TORI music in 2017.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by Lang to authorize an appropriation of \$2,000 for TORI advertising in 2017

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Updates/Information

-the City owned parking lot with 8 spaces behind the Copper Country Arts Center was paved on Sept. 23rd.

-heard Vollwerth's MEDC grant job requirement was fully met with 12 jobs documented when 10 was required by the grant agreement

-heard that Northern Auto, 625 Quincy St., recently demolished the last blighted house located on their vehicle display lot. The DDA approved a business assistance demo grant for \$7,500 in 2014.

-reviewed the HB & PA minutes of Sept. 13, 2016

-Heard the City is finalizing plans to repave White Street in 2017. The City secured an \$187,500 MDOT Small Urban grant to help fund this project

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-Heard the City has secured a second MDOT Small Urban grant of \$187,500 to pave downtown side streets in 2018

LaCantina Mexican Restaurant is expected to open by the end of the year at 101 E. Quincy St.

-Heard that M & M Power Sports contractor DP Construction has started the foundation for the show room addition, and the new service bay addition is now enclosed.

The DDA Board received a detailed update on the MDOT Quincy Street reconstruct project from City Manager Anderson. It was noted that UPPCO has completed the new underground services on Quincy St.

The DDA Board noted that the city will host a stage at the Driving Park on Friday, October 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. with the Lake Superior Performance Rally event.

The DDA Board discussed a draft growth strategy from Michigan Tech University that would increase undergraduate and graduate students significantly by 2045. IN the fall of 2016, MTU has 7,268 students, the most since 1983.

DDA member Pete Mackin discussed the Superior Free Trade Zone established by the State in Escanaba and Marquette.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by Lang to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson

City Manager