

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
VIA ZOOM

Call to order by Jonathan Luse at 6:13 p.m.

Present: Paul LaBine, Bob Frantti, Jonathan Luse Jr., Steve Patchin and Ryan Heinonen

Absent: Jordan Johnson, Pete Mackin, Steve Zutter and John Diebel

Motion by Member Frantti and seconded by Member LaBine to approve agenda as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Member LaBine and supported by Member Frantti to approve the July 6, 2020 meeting minutes.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments- John Haeussler wanted to thank the DDA for helping out Mr. Mountz (General Glass) and thanked the Beautification Committee for all their hard work.

Updates/Information

- Houghton-Hancock Initiative-along with KEDA, Keweenaw Chamber and Keweenaw County and Visitor's Center-supporting area businesses with. "Stay safe, Stay open" -masks and social distancing.
- Fall Clean up 2020-Friday, September 18th, 9-6 p.m. and Saturday, September 19th, 9-6 p.m.
- Grant Application submitted to WUPPDR for Architectural Rendering at 224 Quincy Street (the old Risto's building). We received the maximum of \$3,000.
- Gretchen Whitmer, Governor, has a Proclamation that Saturday, September 26th as DOWNTOWN DAY.
- Reminder that the art pieces from the Detroit Institute of Art will be leaving in mid-October.
- Keweenaw GMC car dealership has moved all car sales to the Houghton location. Detailing is still being down on the lower level. The owner has 3 interested parties for rental space.

- Mike Thornton has resigned from the Board of Review. An ad has been placed for the position and an application can be found on the City website.
- The Christmas Walk is scheduled for Friday, November 27th the day of Thanksgiving. The theme this year is “Whoville in Hancock”.
- NEP-Neighborhood Enhancement Project-project is in progress. Contractors are very busy and the grant has been extended to September 30, 2021 for completion.
- Memorial Park- work has resumed in the park. Ron Olson will be doing the electrical work. Rotary is in process of taking down the central block garden.
- Make a Difference Day- set for Saturday, October 24th. MTU and FU Students will be involved in volunteer projects.

Old Business

- Snowmobile Access-Members reviewed map but need more time to study. File to revisit.

New Business

- Hancock Beautification Committee request
Motion by Member LaBine and seconded by Member Frantti to authorize request of \$2150 for the hanging baskets for Spring of 2021.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

- HBPA Christmas Walk and City Decorations
Motion by Member Patchin and seconded by Member Frantti to approve \$2500 for the Christmas Walk and then revisit later with specifics.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

- General Glass/Mark Mountz façade grant
Consensus to table this item until next meeting for clarification.

Motion by Member LaBine and seconded by Member Frantti to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Beth Fredianelli
Beth Fredianelli, Recording Secretary

9.14.2020
Date