

Downtown Development Authority

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 6, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Present were: Carr, Johnson, Honea, Peterson, Soderstrom, and Harrett

Absent were: Mainprize, Blessing, Groves

Staff Present: Jean-Buhrer, Waterworth

Others: Janet Michaluk

The following items were discussed:

1. The meeting was called to order by Carr at 6:31 p.m.

2. Public Comment

Janet Michaluk, Brownfield Coordinator from the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality introduced herself to the board. She will be attending meetings when available to assist with questions regarding Brownfield Redevelopment loan and grant opportunities. Advised that there are still two openings for next year.

3. Approval of June 1, 2016 meeting minutes.

The motion was made to recommend approval of the June 1, 2016 meeting minutes by Soderstrom, supported by Honea. All approved by verbal vote. Motion carried.

4. Annual Farmers Market Request - Flint Banjo Club - \$500

The motion was made to recommend approval of \$500 repayment to the General Fund for the Flint Banjo Club Performance on June 25th at the Farmers Market by Honea, supported by Harrett. All approved by verbal vote. Motion carried.

5. FY 2016 and 2017 Brownfield and DDA Financial Reports

Jean-Buhrer reviewed and provided details of the Brownfield and DDA Financial Reports.

6. Tuesday Tunes on the Musical Mile Discussion

Jean-Buhrer shared some of the comments received regarding the event. Mostly positive feedback was received from both business owners and residents who attended. Quido's Pizza was very happy with the turnout and got new people into their restaurant. Niko's Salon was also excited with their turnout. Some suggestions for improvement were to reposition the band that played at Aubrey's which ended up taking over pocket park and causing some spillover with other musicians.

Soderstrom suggested looking at more ways to promote the downtown businesses during the Tuesday Park Concerts.

Jean-Buhrer brought up a second date for Tuesday Tunes to be held on August 23. Topic of event times were brought up and consensus was to keep it from 6 - 8 pm due to musicians cost and coming up an extra hour of music to play. Business owners will be invited to the August 3rd DDA meeting to give feedback. Jean-Buhrer will be able to assist business owners with finding musicians.

7. Master Plan Update

The survey for City and Township is on the website and link has been included on the Summer Tax bills. There will also be a booth set up during the Concerts in the Park where survey will be conducted. Master Plan is scheduled to be completed in January.

8. New Project or Idea(s)

- a. Façade improvement and discussion - No interest lately, information is included in chamber packet. Loan program available for 5 years at 3% if needed.
- b. Business Recruitment and Retention Discussion - Jean-Buhrer is optimistic that more events planned will open the door with new business.
- c. Property Update and Discussion -
 - I. 11410 S. Saginaw Street -Closed
 - II. Reid Road Apartments - City Attorney Walter Griffin is working with owners to finalize PUD.

III. 11236 S. Saginaw Street - Dollar Tree opened on June 30th. T-Mobile will occupy one of the retail sites the other site is still trying to be filled.

IV. City Vacant Property - Promoting

d. Redevelopment Liquor Licenses Discussion -Nothing to report

e. Main Street Discussion- Nothing to report

f. Flower Discussion - Plants have been purchased and planted, waiting for roots to become established before hanging. Should be ready in a week. DPW is working on adding what is needed to hang the pots from the arm banner to make sure secure. DPW has also come up with a solution to water the plants without the purchase of the specialty unit that cost \$687. They are able to modify something they currently own at a fraction of the cost.

9. Miscellaneous

DDA Logo: Jean-Buhrer has been working with KM Designs on ideas for a new logo. They came back with 6 ideas and Jean-Buhrer presented the top choice for feedback. Harrett brought up the picture in the first D looks more like Fenton's Gazebo than a pavilion and suggested removing the railings to change the look. Honea was concerned with the moon and bike in the letter A as not promoting a save image. Other feedback was to not use generic buildings but find a building in Grand Blanc to feature with the Arches. Other suggestions included moving the bike picture into the first D and including a person walking a dog with the sun and moving the gazebo picture into the letter A. Jean-Buhrer will take suggestions back to designer and have modifications made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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