

Downtown Development Authority

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Present were: Groves, Carr, Blessing and Harrett
Absent were: Mainprize, Peterson, Honea, Johnson, Soderstrom, Jean-Buhrer
Staff Present: Waterworth
Others: Jacqueline DeFrancesco, Doug Baldwin, Jodi Colombe

1. Downtown Walking Audit at 5:30 p.m.
 - Flower baskets need to have lower hangers to better showcase the arrangements.
 - Patio Pavers need to be power washed and sealed. DPW or look at hiring job out.
 - Concrete circles around bases of lamp post need to be caulked to reduce expansion from water getting in.
 - Garbage cans along Saginaw Street, there is only one can near First Merit Bank but none to be found near all of the fast food restaurants. Grand Blanc Road has area good coverage of nice trash cans.
 - Move sidewalk or put a barrier between street and sidewalk from Big Boy to Tim Horton's.
 - Lamp post in front of Tim Horton's has piece on base broken off.
 - Post in front of Hot Dog stand is in need of touch up paint job. Idea to have volunteer hours to touch up paint on poles.
 - Uneven sidewalk in front of Tim Horton's and beyond. Check with concrete company to lift and fix areas that have sunken in.
 - Prayna Yoga former building, when paving? Before doing anything with this property Wendy speak with Kevin regarding ideas.
2. The meeting was called to order by Groves at 6:30 p.m. No quorum present.
3. Public Comment

DDA businesses were invited to share their experience with the Tuesday Tunes. Guido's was represented by owners Jacqueline DeFrancesco and Doug Baldwin. Both stated how much they enjoyed the Tuesday Tunes evenings. They said sales were up in comparison to

a normal Tuesday and hope the DDA decides to do this event again next year. They have had people in to redeem the gift cards that were part of the raffle and gave them a way to get new business.

When asked what month's they thought would be best they thought the June date was great as May might still be a little cool. They also liked the August date but worried the lower turnout was due to the end of summer with many trying to get in last vacations before school starts. Would definitely want to do more than just the 2 times per summer if at all possible.

DeFransesco also mentioned an event she attended in Brighton where tickets are sold and restaurants had sample sized available to purchase on the sidewalks. A nice family event that could be combined with the music idea and also get people to sample the local food.

Jodi Colombe from American House was in attendance and interested in getting her residents choir involved with future Tuesday Tunes dates next year. When she told the residents about the event they were excited at the chance to be a part of our community event.

4. Approval of September 7, 2016 Minutes - Tabled
5. Brownfield School Education Tax Payment - Tabled
6. Downtown Event Planning - Tabled
7. Miscellaneous
8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.