

Downtown Development Authority Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 2, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Present: Groves, Carr, Soderstrom, Blessing, Harrett, Honea, Reid, Peterson, Johnson

Absent: None

Staff: Jean-Buhrer, Irwin

Others: Janet Mihaluk, Paula Schmidt

The following items were discussed:

1. The meeting was called to order by Groves at 6:30 p.m.
2. Public Comment - None
3. Approval of June 7, 2017 meeting minutes
The motion was made to recommend approval of the June 7, 2017 meeting minutes, by Blessing, supported by Carr. All approved by verbal vote. Motion carried.
4. Approval of City of Grand Blanc General Fund Invoice for Concerts in the Park Banner in the amount of \$645.00 and Flowers in the amount of \$1,800.00 netted with the overpayment of the Food Truck Festival Sponsorship of \$755.57 for total payment in the amount of \$1,689.43.

Jean-Buhrer discussed the success of the Food Truck Festival. She also talked about the new Food Truck Rally the City is hosting during the Back to the Bricks event week on August 17th. Irwin supplied some details regarding number of trucks, discussion with a Back to the Bricks representative. DDA had a few additional questions, which were answered by Jean-Buhrer.

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5. FY 2017 Brownfield and DDA Financial Reports
Jean-Buhrer presented the Financial Reports for the Brownfield and DDA for Fiscal Year 2017. She stated the annual audit would start the following week. Financial Reports would be finalized in October.
6. New Project or Idea(s) - To remain on future agendas
 - a. Façade Improvement and Discussion - Nothing new to report.
 - b. Business Recruitment and Retention Discussion - The City, Township, Grand Blanc Chamber, Flint and Genesee County Chamber are developing a marketing packet together.
 - c. Property Update and Discussion -
 - i. 11410 S. Saginaw Street (Old Marathon Station Site) - Jean-Buhrer stated two offers will be presented to the Property Committee on August 8th. The Property Committee will then present to the Finance Committee on August 9th recommendations.
 - ii. City Vacant Property - Jean-Buhrer stated there has been some interest in the property at the Southwest corner of Grand Boulevard and Reid Road. She is hoping an offer will come in with the other properties.
 - d. Redevelopment Liquor Licenses Discussion - Nothing new to report.
 - e. Flower Basket Discussion - Jean-Buhrer stated there would be discussion next year with the flower providers in regards to a better mix of plants. The Sweet Potato vines seem to be taking over some of the flower baskets. The flowers are difficult to see with all the ivy surrounding them. The DDA was in agreement, overall the baskets look great.
 - f. Parking in the Downtown Discussion - Jean-Buhrer stated this would be discussed with concerned parties later, after the outcomes on other properties became clear.
 - g. DDA District Boundary Features Discussion - Jean-Buhrer discussed the new garbage facilities provided by a joint effort with MTA. Some discussion from the Committee involved ways of bus stop beautification efforts, such as a nice enclosure or canopy idea. The Committee also had a few other beautification ideas.
 - h. Economic Development Committee Discussion - None
7. Miscellaneous - None
8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Irwin
Acting Recording Secretary
Downtown Development
Authority