

Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority
SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes
Monday, January 25, 2021

The special meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, January 25, 2021 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 3:10 p.m. Present: David Aeh, Dave Aro via Zoom at home, Sandy Arsenault, John Carlson, Eric Laksonen via Zoom at home, Carrie Meyer via Zoom at home, Tracy Magnuson, Jason Chapman via Zoom at home, Rob Taylor via Zoom at home; and Craig Cugini (10). Absent: Jay Clancey (1). Also, in attendance was Linda Andriacchi.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

FAÇADE PRORAM WORKSHOP

Member Aeh advised the DDA had dollars budgeted for façade grants in 2021. He gave a brief overview of other municipalities programs and how their façade programs were ranked.

Member Chapman felt the boundaries should be expanded to include businesses on Canda Street. Discussion followed on the TIF district boundaries.

A motion was made by Member Cugini, supported by Member Chapman, and carried unanimously to draft a boundary description which would include the entire TIF district to be included in the façade program.

Discussion followed on how façade grants would be scored. During discussion pertaining to points received for location of the business, it was felt businesses in the historic core of the commercial downtown would be scored higher for location than other business.

A motion was made by Member Cugini supported by Member Chapman and carried unanimously for the highest scoring boundary for the façade grant be designated as: the west boundary being Lakeshore Drive to just East of 7th Street and Empire Street and south to include both sides of Division Street.

Discussion followed regarding the last façade grant application and the scoring methods; who would be scoring the grant applications; including the ADA component in the grant application; and defining the criteria for the scoring.

A motion was made by Member Cugini, supported by Member Arsenault, and carried unanimously to use the following scoring methods for ADA and façade improvement applications:

- Location in the core historic district within the TIF District -10 points
- Quality impact of project – 15 points
- Historical architectural significance – 15 points
- Visual prominence of the building and location in the district or and ADA statement -10 points

The fee to apply for the façade grant would remain the same at \$50.00.

A motion was made by Member Cugini, supported by Member Magnuson, and carried unanimously to have comments and/or changes for the façade grant application to the Manager's office by Friday, January 31st via email or handwritten.

The deadline for submittal of the grant applications will be posted as Monday, April 5, 2021. A special meeting will be set up for scoring applications received for Monday, April 12, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:50 p.m., a motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Magnuson and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith

City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager