

Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority

Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2022

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, March 28, 2022 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:03 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, Sandy Arsenault, Carrie Meyer, Brian Buchanan, Jay Clancy, David Aro, Rob Taylor, and Craig Cugini, (8). Absent: Tracy Magnuson, Eric Laksonen, and Jason Chapman (3). Also present was Bob Hendrickson from the GINCC, Linda Andriacchi, and Ryan Soucy from CUPPAD.

PUBLIC COMMENT- There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Meyer supported by Member Arsenault and carried unanimously to approve the January 24, 2022 minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Member Aro, supported by Member Meyer and carried unanimously to approve the financial report as presented.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Bob Hendrickson, Chamber of Commerce Director, briefly summarized the Chamber report. A reminder was given about Business After Hours to be held on March 31, 2022 to be hosted by Dan Perkins. Steady growth for Ishpeming and Negaunee businesses was also discussed.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Andriacchi advised that Spencer Giroux has agreed to return for the season to water flowers. Tru North has volunteered to adopt the two round-a-bouts on the North end of town. Steve Smith is the Tru North contact and David Aeh will reach out to him. Also noted was that flower baskets will be ready for pick up the 2nd week of June.

DDA DISTRICT MAP FOR MASTER PLAN

Ryan Soucy from CUPPAD advised that the Master Plan is nearly complete. There was discussion about what the procedure would be to add to the TIF district. Soucy advised that the process is the same as it was for developing the Downtown Development Authority. A question was posed as to whether or not Generational Farming and the Jasperlite Development should be added to the TIF district. Re-evaluation of the DDA TIF District Map was suggested by Soucy.

'2022 FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM

A motion was made by Member Aeh, supported by Member Aro and carried unanimously to approve the Façade Grant timeline. Member Meyer amended the motion to include an earlier timeframe for the next round of grants. She would like to see the process begin in the fall, so as to notify recipients at the beginning of the program year.

Application availability will begin April 1, 2022. The deadline for return applications is May 2, 2022. Twenty thousand dollars is available for this year's grant program.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE USES/SALE OF CANDA STREET LOT

An idea to reach out to recreational organizations, to see if there is any interest in the lot was discussed. Possibly RAMBA would be interested in the space for a bike repair station. Snowmobile and ATV organizations might also have some ideas for the lot. Organizations would be able to submit a proposal for use.

UPDATE ON AT&T BUILDING MURALS

We are currently still waiting to hear from corporate.

ISHPEMING COMMUNITY EVENTS REPORT

Member Magnuson was absent. Member Cugini noted some dates of importance. The Gus Macker Tournament will be held on June 24, 25, & 26, 2022. The City of Ishpeming's Fourth of July celebration will be held on Saturday, July 2, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Aeh discussed the possibility of putting out permanent refuse containers downtown and National Historic District signs out on the highway. Member Aeh also had questions about the two businesses who obtained permits to sell marijuana. Member Cugini advised that Velodrome and the Firestation received the permits.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:53 p.m., a motion was made by Member Cugini, supported by Member Taylor and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jodi Champion

Deputy Clerk