

ISHPEMING DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting of May 6, 2013

A Special Meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, May 6, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room. Chairman David Aeh called the meeting to order.

Present: David Aeh, Charlie Anderson, Diane Gauthier, Jason Gauthier, Judy Hodges, Jered Ottenwess, Elaine Racine, Stuart Skauge, and Rosemarie Strom. Absent: Dave Aro and Stacey Willey.

Also present were Treasurer Jim Lampman, Attorney David Savu, Council Members Joe Juidici and Claudia Demarest, Sandy Arsenault, and Corbin Lutz.

MEDC Façade Grant

Mr. Ottenwess reported some of the business applicants have met with Jennifer Tucker of the MEDC. He stated this may be the last opportunity for the DDA to provide financial assistance towards the grant application. It is not necessary for the DDA to provide financial assistance for the grant to be awarded. If financial assistance were provided, it is unclear how much should be budgeted or where the funds would come from.

It was questioned who would make the final determination of which buildings would be included, and it was noted MEDC would make the decision on who would be included and for what amount. Importance will be placed on aesthetics and historic preservation, and each building will be rated individually.

CUPPAD is working with the individual applicants on both parts of the application process.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. Skauge and seconded by Mr. Aeh to go into closed session to discuss a confidential attorney-client communication dated April 25, 2013. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Members Aeh, Anderson, Gauthier, Gauthier, Hodges, Ottenwess, Racine, Skauge, and Strom (9). Nays: None (0). Absent: Two (2). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Skauge and seconded by Mr. Aeh to return to open session. Ayes: Members Aeh, Anderson, Gauthier, Gauthier, Hodges, Ottenwess, Racine, Skauge, and Strom (9). Nays: None (0). Absent: Two (2). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Skauge and seconded by Mrs. Strom to authorize Mr. Ottenwess to execute the purchase agreement drafted by the attorney, as amended, upon certification of who owns the Congress building and land. Motion carried.

Mr. Savu stated he does not like the ski lift seats that are in the downtown and asked that they be replaced with conventional benches.

There will be a full-time seasonal employee hired by the DDA to assist Yvonne Leaf on beautification.

Mr. Skauge mentioned that the Rotary Club cleaned the Lake Bancroft shoreline along Euclid Street previously and could volunteer again.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Gauthier and seconded by Mr. Skauge to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Carol Holmgren
Recording Secretary