

City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority
April 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The Ionia Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:00AM by Chairperson M. Kirgis.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll call revealed the following DDA Board of Directors present: Dave Cook, Margot Cook, City Manager Precia Garland, Tim Hemenway, Cathy Hoppough, John Krueger, Mike Kirgis, Paul Lentz, Ryan Wilson, and DDA Director Linda Curtis.

Guests: Heather Sizemore, Ally Cook, Karen Bota, Dan Mitchell, and Assistant to the City Manager Jonathon Bowman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1st Floor Residential Units comments by guest Dan Mitchell to be presented during regular Board discussion approved by Board of Directors.

Karen Bota / Greenville Daily News posed several questions regarding the appointment of City Manager Precia Garland to the DDA Board of Directors. City Manager Garland provided a review of the Re-codified Tax Increment Financing Act, specifically MCL 125.4101 which provides the statute under which Downtown Development Authorities in the State of Michigan are established and operated. The Act states that Members shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of the municipality, subject to approval of the governing body of the municipality. Furthermore, MCL 125.4201, Section 201(h) states "Chief executive officer means the Mayor or City Manager of a city...." In accordance with the statute, the City Manager was approved to serve as the chief executive officer member of the City of Ionia DDA Board of Directors on March 11, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve agenda as presented by Member M. Cook; seconded by Member Lentz.
MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the DDA Board of Directors meeting for March 2022.
Motion to approve by Member D. Cook; seconded by Member M. Cook.
MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT DDA accounts payable for February 26, 2022 – March 25, 2022 in the amount of \$7,412.98.
Ionia Theatre accounts payable for February 26, 2022 – March 25, 2022 in the amount \$12,742.12.
Motion to approve by Member Hoppough; seconded by Member Hemenway.
MOTION CARRIED.

DDA DIRECTOR REPORT: Report included in DDA Board of Directors meeting document package.

THEATRE REPORT: Theatre Manager absent.

BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Michigan Wizard of Oz Festival – tentative dates of September 30, 2022 through October 1, 2022. Motion to approve the dates of September 30 – October 1, 2022 by Member D. Cook; seconded by Member Hoppough.
MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / OTHER:

1. First Floor Residential Committee Report: Committee Chair Lentz noted that the group had not recently met. A letter from C. Valentine was presented to the Board of Directors noting concerns. Dan Mitchell provided comments regarding the potential for downtown revitalization if an ordinance allowing for 1st floor residential units was approved. Following discussion, Chairperson Kirgis requested the topic be placed on the upcoming May agenda. Prior to the May meeting, the 1st Floor Residential Committee will gather to discuss the issue and provide a full report.

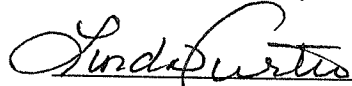
GENERAL ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 8:55AM by Member Hemenway; seconded by Member Hoppough.
MOTION CARRIED.

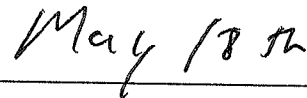
NOTE: Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors to meet immediately following.



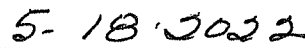
DDA Board Secretary



DDA Recording Secretary



Date



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