

City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority

August 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll call revealed the following DDA Board of Directors present: Olivia Blomstrom, Dave Cook, Mike Kirgis, John Krueger, Tim Hemenway, Cathy Hoppough, and Director Linda Curtis. City staff included City Manager Precia Garland, City Finance Director Chris Hyzer, Asst to City Manager Jonathon Bowman, and Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve by Member Dave Cook; seconded by Member Hoppough.
MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the DDA meeting for July 2021. Motion to approve minutes by Member Dave Cook; seconded by Member Hemenway.
MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT DDA accounts payable for June 26, 2021 – July 25, 2021 in the amount of \$11,777.22.
Theatre accounts payable for June 26, 2021 – July 25, 2021 in the amount \$14,013.30.
Motion to approve by Member Hoppough; seconded by Member Blomstrom.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

THEATRE REPORT: Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson provided the Board of Directors with a full report noting movie options and week day attendance are beginning to increase. Upcoming events and rentals include the SMAT graduation, Theatre's 90th anniversary celebration scheduled for November 9th, and holiday school programming. Brick tuckpointing and repair project nearly complete. Roof repair will be open to bids once proposal is complete. Review of Theatre marketing funds to determine future ad buys.

BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:

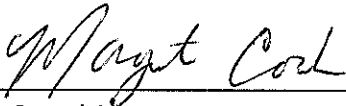
1. Michigan Wizard of Oz Festival: Upon recommendation of the Michigan Wizard of Oz committee, a motion to cancel 2021 Michigan Wizard of Oz Festival by Member Hemenway; seconded by Member Hoppough.
MOTION CARRIED.
2. MIPitch sponsorship funding: Motion to provide \$500 in funding to 2021 MIPitch by Member Blomstrom; seconded by Member Hemenway.
MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / OTHER:

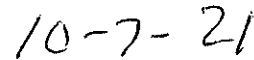
1. Bicycle repair station for Fred Thwaites River Trail: Member Dave Cook presented discussion on the need for a bike repair station(s) to be placed along the City's River Trail. DDA Director will reach out to several business to discuss placement and funding.
2. Dates for 2022 Fireworks Display: Motion to schedule 2022 Ionia Fireworks Display for Thursday, June 30, 2022 with a rain date of Friday, July 8, 2022 by Member Hoppough; seconded by Member Dave Cook.
MOTION CARRIED
3. Revitalize LLC presentation at September DDA Board of Directors meeting: Bruce Johnston will be limited to a 20 minute window to provide presentation on the value of creating residential units on the first floor of downtown properties.

GENERAL ADJOURNMENT:

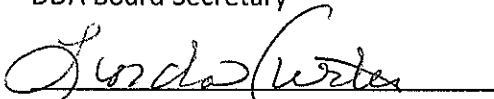
Motion to adjourn at 8:58am by Member Hemenway, seconded by Member Hoppough.
MOTION CARRIED.



DDA Board Secretary



Date



DDA Recording Secretary



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