

**CITY OF IONIA**  
**Downtown Development Authority**  
**November 21, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

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**CALL TO ORDER** Board President Mike Kirgis called the City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority meeting to order at 8:05AM.

**ROLL CALL** Roll Call revealed the following DDA Board members present: Pat Batista, David Cook, Tim Hemenway, Jenny Houghton, Mike Kirgis, Kevin Meade and Brett Patterson. Also present were City Manager Jason Eppler, City Finance Director Robin Marhofer, Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson, and DDA Director Linda Curtis. Guests included six Ionia High School Government Class students to observe meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INFORMATION**

**CONSENT AGENDA** It was moved by Member Cook, seconded by Member Batista to approve the following:

- The minutes from the DDA meeting of October 17, 2012.
- The Accounts Payables for the DDA:
  - o September 26, 2012 – October 25, 2012 in the amount of \$429,567.23.
- The Accounts Payables for the Ionia Theatre:
  - o September 26, 2012 – October 25, 2012 in the amount of \$9,952.28.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**DDA DIRECTOR UPDATE:** Review of DDA and IFF reports attached to meeting documents.

**THEATRE REPORT:** Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson reported on upcoming rentals that include school holiday programs, FOP country show and a community Christmas concert. Recent movie releases provided record setting ticket and concession sales.

**BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS**

1. December 12, 2012 meeting: It was moved by Member Cook, seconded by Member Batista to cancel the December 2012 DDA meeting.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
2. 2013 DDA meeting schedule: It was moved by Member Cook, seconded by Member Batista to approve the 2013 DDA meeting schedule.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

- OTHER**
1. Update on Clothing Care site: City Manager Jason Eppler provided a progress report on the future of the site. Discussions continue with the administrator of the Barna estate regarding the property.
  2. DDA / Ionia Free Fair Association contractual agreement: Due to the current financial state of the Fair, the leased employee contractual agreement was not re-newed.
  3. Discussions regarding the 2011 and 2012 tax appeals with Ventra continue. State lawmakers are currently reviewing a bill to repeal Michigan's personal property taxes. Each of the above mentioned will have a strong impact on future DDA funding.

**ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Member Cook, seconded by Member Batista to adjourn the DDA Board of Directors at 8:40AM.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rich Thompson, Secretary  
Linda Curtis, DDA Director