

CITY OF IONIA
Downtown Development Authority
January 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER Board President Mike Kirgis called the City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority meeting to order at 8:04AM.

ROLL CALL Roll Call revealed the following DDA Board members present: Pat Batista, David Cook, Tim Hemenway, Mike Kirgis, Kevin Meade and Rich Thompson. Also present were City Manager Jason Eppler, City Finance Director Robin Marhofer, Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson, and DDA Director Linda Curtis. Guest: Deb Hatfield.

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 November 21, 2012.
- The Accounts Payables for the DDA:
 - o October 26, 2012 – November 25, 2012 in the amount of \$1,877.54.
 - o November 26, 2012 – December 25, 2012 in the amount of \$4,757.49.
- The Accounts Payables for the Ionia Theatre:
 - o October 26, 2012 – November 25, 2012 in the amount of \$10,096.98.
 - o November 26, 2012 – December 25, 2012 in the amount of \$26,737.58.

MOTION CARRIED.

DDA DIRECTOR UPDATE: Review of DDA report attached to meeting documents.

A draft proposal for a summer festival was placed before the Board of Directors for review. The event would be held in the downtown providing a weekend of family activities. A committee to implement the plan would be developed and include community business owners, financial institution representatives, and volunteers. Activities may include but not limited to carnival rides, concessions, entertainment and arts / craft / antique / flea market vendors.

Packets containing Buckaroo Ball tickets, brochures and sponsor information were distributed to members. Assistance in soliciting sponsors, auction items and ticket sales was requested.

THEATRE REPORT: Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson reported on upcoming rentals that include MMA event, weddings and special event rentals. Sonic provided upgrades to the projection systems as noted in their contractual agreement.

BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

1. 2013 Election of Officers: Motion to accept the current slate of officers for an additional year was moved by Member Batista, seconded by Member Cook.

MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER

1. Dr. Cole's Building: Meetings with the Ionia County Housing Commission Director held to review potential of MSHDA funding to assist with creation of second floor apartments. Decision on the future involvement of the DDA with the building have not been determined to date.
2. Personal Property Tax Legislation: New legislation does not provide communities with full funding replacement. A portion of the tax exemptions will begin December 2013 with the balance effective in 2016. A statewide vote will be placed on the 2014 ballot. The DDA debt is scheduled to be paid in full by November 2014 lightening the impact of the new legislation.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Member Cook, seconded by Member Batista to adjourn the DDA Board of Directors at 8:55AM.
MOTION CARRIED.

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