

**CITY OF IONIA**  
**Downtown Development Authority**  
**May 15, 2013 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 8:02AM.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INFORMATION:** No public comments provided.

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

- The minutes from the DDA meeting of April 17, 2013.
- The Accounts Payables for the DDA:
  - o March 26, 2013 – April 25, 2013 in the amount of \$226,762.16.
- The Accounts Payables for the Ionia Theatre:
  - o March 26, 2013 – April 25, 2013 in the amount of \$19,624.92.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**DDA DIRECTOR UPDATE:** DDA Director's report attached to meeting documents.

**THEATRE REPORT:** Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson reported on upcoming live shows and rentals that include a MMA event, area school programs, and wedding ceremonies. Discussion also included the purchase and placement of a donor board in the Theatre lobby.

**BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:** No action items presented.

**OTHER:** MSHDA: Bruce Johnston of Revitalize LLC met with board members and other interested parties on May 13<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. Discussion included MSHDA requirements and the process of creating a program to be unveiled to downtown business owners.

Member Hemenway noted the potential of problems that might arise from the recent closing of Save-A-Lot. A list of mid-Michigan grocers was provided to Director Curtis to contact in an effort to locate a business that might be interested in opening a store locally.

A fundraiser to assist flood damaged Steele Street businesses in addition to a Grand River clean-up project has been scheduled for Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:26AM.

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