

CITY OF IONIA
Downtown Development Authority
June 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority meeting called to order at 8:07AM.

ROLL CALL: Roll Call revealed the following DDA Board members present: David Cook, Tim Hemenway, Jenny Houghton, 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 Hemenway, seconded by Member Meade to approve the following:

- The minutes from the DDA meeting of May 15, 2013.
- The Accounts Payables for the DDA:
 - o April 26, 2013 – May 25, 2013 in the amount of \$6,163.17.
- The Accounts Payables for the Ionia Theatre:
 - o April 26, 2013 – May 25, 2013 in the amount of \$16,174.96.

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 several wedding ceremonies. The Summer in the City Celebration will host the John Ball Park Mobile Zoo exhibits and a special showing of the movie "Bully" in the theatre.

BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Demolition expenditure for 110 West Main Street: Motion by Member Cook to approve the final budget for the demolition project at \$25,775 of which \$775 is a direct DDA expenditure, seconded by Member Meade. As a part of the FY12-13 budget amendments, City Council approved transferring \$25,000 from the General Fund to cover the majority of the costs of demolishing the building at 110 West Main Street.
MOTION CARRIED.
2. FY12-13 DDA Budget adjustments: Motion to accept the current FY12-13 DDA Budget adjustments moved by Member Cook, seconded by Member Hemenway.
MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER:

1. MSHDA: A public meeting will be hosted in late July to provide an overview of the program. Interested business owners will have the opportunity to speak with DDA Third Party Administrator Bruce Johnston / Revitalize LLC and Regional Representative Sue Devries.
2. Revised Resurrection Life Church expansion project: Representatives appeared before the Planning Commission to share their interest of expansion which would include closure of Dallas Alley and the purchase of several buildings located east of the current church site.

3. Clothing Care site update: No areas of concern were found in the latest round of soil / ground water testing. Discussions between the City and Barna estate representatives regarding the final demolition / site grading have resumed.
4. Property Tax Appeals update: Appeals continue to be resolved.
5. Summer in the City update: See Director's Report.
6. Fireworks Display update: Scheduled for Wednesday, July 3 with a rain date of Sunday, July 7, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:30am moved by Member Meade, seconded by Member Hemenway.

MOTION CARRIED.

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