

CITY OF IONIA
Downtown Development Authority
August 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority meeting called to order at 8:04AM.

ROLL CALL: Roll Call revealed the following DDA Board members present: Pat Batista, David Cook, Mike Kirgis, Kevin Meade, Brett Patterson and Rich Thompson.
Also in attendance were City Manager Jason Eppler, 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 June 19, 2013.
- The Accounts Payables for the DDA:
 - o June 26, 2013 – July 25, 2013 in the amount of \$37,263.85.
- The Accounts Payables for the Ionia Theatre:
 - o June 26, 2013 – July 25, 2013 in the amount of \$21,221.73.

MOTION CARRIED.

DDA DIRECTOR UPDATE: DDA Director's report attached to meeting documents. A change of date for the Buckaroo Ball was discussed. Due to the high number of fundraisers and community activities in February, a new date of November 9th was approved.

THEATRE REPORT: Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson reported a small slow down due to availability of A- list children's movies and back to school activities. A slight change in movie format with securing PG 13 movies will provide added attendance. Performing live on November 2nd will be "In the Flesh", a Pink Floyd tribute band.

BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS: No action items at this time.

OTHER:

1. MSHDA: A public meeting will be hosted on Monday, August 26th providing an overview of the program. Interested business owners will have the opportunity to speak with Third Party Administrator Bruce Johnston / Revitalize LLC. Tours of several potential buildings will be held following the meeting.
2. Update on property tax appeals: Appeals still pending for Auto Zone, Secretary of State and Rite-Aid. Appeals for Firstbank and Eyde property located on Steele Street have been settled.
3. Michigan Main Street representatives will provide a presentation on the program to the Board of Directors in September.
4. Rails to Trails: Ionia / Saranac section of trail to be complete in mid-November.
5. A "virtual school" program may be placed in the downtown area in 2014. Ionia students currently enrolled in the program report to Greenville.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:50am.

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