

CITY OF IONIA
Downtown Development Authority
May 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority meeting called to order at 8:04am by Board Chairperson Mike Kirgis.

ROLL CALL: Roll Call revealed the following DDA Board members present: Patricia Batista, Dave Cook, Jenny Dinehart, Tim Hemenway, Jim Killion, Mike Kirgis, and Rich Thompson. Also in attendance: City Manager Jason Eppler, City Finance Director Chris Hyzer, Ionia Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson and DDA Director Linda Curtis. Guest Mr. Ron Wilson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INFORMATION:

Dr. Patricia Batista announced her resignation from the DDA Board of Directors effective June 1, 2016. Dr. Batista has served on the DDA Board of Directors for twelve years. She recommended the appointment of Mr. Ron Wilson to fill the vacancy. Mr. Wilson is the incoming Ionia Public Schools Superintendent. Mr. Wilson was introduced to the Board of Directors.

Dr. Batista was thanked for her dedication and commitment to the Downtown Development Authority.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Member Batista, seconded by Member Cook to approve the following: Minutes from the DDA meetings of April 20, 2016.

Accounts Payables for the DDA:

March 26, 2016 – April 25, 2016 in the amount of \$2,586.00.

Accounts Payables for the Theatre:

March 26, 2016 – April 25, 2016 in the amount of \$15,770.68

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

THEATRE REPORT: Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson provided an overview of the improvements to the facility made possible by the proceeds of the fundraiser held in February. It was noted that approximately \$2,600 remained in the fund to be used towards sound or stage improvements. The tile floors of the lobby area will be stripped and sealed later this year. Three Disney films are on the Theatre's schedule for June.

BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:

OTHER: FY 16 / 17 Budget for the DDA, Theatre and Brownfield Authority will be approved at the upcoming City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was concluded at 8:34am.

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