

CALL TO ORDER: The Ionia Downtown Development Authority meeting was called to order at 8:05AM by Chairperson Mike Kirgis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None at this time.

ROLL CALL: Roll call revealed the following DDA Board of Directors present: Dave Cook, Margot Cook, John Krueger, Paul Lentz, Chris Sorrell, and DDA Director Linda Curtis. Guests included City Manager Jason Eppler, Finance Director Chris Hyzer, and Heather Sizemore.

CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Member Lentz, seconded by Member Margot Cook to approve the following:

Minutes from the DDA meeting of January 2020.

DDA accounts payable for December 26, 2019 – January 25, 2020 in the amount of \$3,977.44.

Theatre accounts payable for December 26, 2019 – January 25, 2020 in the amount of \$23,781.98.

MOTION CARRIED.

DDA DIRECTOR UPDATE: DDA Director's report for the months of January / February 2020 attached.

THEATRE REPORT: Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson was absent (vacation). The Theatre façade repairs will begin once we have a week span of warmer temperatures. Community Theatre will be hosting the production of Mary Poppins in March utilizing the large theatre. The upcoming Billy Strings Concert scheduled for February 29th is sold out.

BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS: None at this time.

OTHER:

1. Mural update: A draft copy was presented to the Board along with the donor request information. The official fundraising campaign will begin within the next week. Artist Daniel Arens has purchased the aluminum panels and started the first phase of the project. With working in a climate controlled building, he will be able to have the project completed by late spring / early summer.
2. The DDA is working on the 2020 / 2021 budget projections. Due to the reduction of funding overall, all areas within the budget will need to be "lean".
3. Grant requests for the Steele Street reconstruction and the wetland area are under review. The Steele Street reconstruction project (Steele from Adams to Dexter) is tentatively scheduled for mid to late April through mid to late August. It will include new utilities, sidewalk network – both east and west side from Adams to the River Trail entrance and reducing traffic lanes from three to two.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40AM with a motion by Member Dave Cook, seconded by Member Margot Cook.
MOTION CARRIED.