

City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority

January 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER: The Ionia Downtown Development Authority meeting was called to order at 8:03AM by Treasurer / Member Hemenway.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Introduction of Chris Sorrell, newly appointed Board member.

ROLL CALL: Roll call revealed the following DDA Board of Directors present: Dave Cook, Margot Cook, Tim Hemenway, John Krueger, Chris Sorrell, and DDA Director Linda Curtis. Guests included City Manager Jason Eppler, Finance Director Chris Hyzer, and Ionia City Clerk Ally Cook.

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

Minutes from the DDA meeting of November, 20, 2019.

DDA accounts payable for November 26, 2019 – December 25, 2019 in the amount of \$2,056.57.

Theatre accounts payable for November 26, 2019 – December 25, 2019 in the amount of \$20,645.93

MOTION CARRIED.

DDA DIRECTOR UPDATE: DDA Director's report for the months of December 2019 / January 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.

BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. 2020 Election of Officers: It was moved by Member Dave Cook, seconded by Member Sorrell to nominate and elect the following DDA Board of Directors for 2020.
  - a. Chairperson: Mike Kirgis
  - b. Vice Chairperson: John Krueger
  - c. Secretary: Dave Cook
  - d. Treasurer: Tim Hemenway

- OTHER:
1. Mural update: Dan Arens is working on the mock up for the mural and will deliver it to the DDA within the next few weeks. Once in hand, Linda Ciangi and myself will begin the full donor campaign. Mr. Arens has secured a climate controlled building to use over the winter months allowing him to complete the mural panels ahead of schedule.
  2. 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 8:25AM with a motion by Member Dave Cook, seconded by Member Margot Cook.  
MOTION CARRIED.