

City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority  
July 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The Ionia Downtown Development Authority meeting was called to order at 8:00AM by Vice Chairperson John Krueger.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Roll call revealed the following DDA Board of Directors present: Olivia Blomstrom, Dave Cook, Margot Cook, John Krueger, Paul Lentz, and Director Linda Curtis. City staff included City Manager Precia Garland, City Finance Director Chris Hyzer, Asst to City Manager Jonathon Bowman, and Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson. Guests Tracey Bergeron and Joe Cantwell.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Tracey Bergeron: Request to hang banners on downtown / Main Street historic lampposts. Request access to meeting minutes and placement of same on City website each month. Board noted that meeting minutes are not fully approved until the following month. Board requested the Downtown Business Group provide a full written proposal regarding placement of lamppost banners and brackets.

Joe Cantwell: Interest in downtown banners and sign ordinance.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve by Member Dave Cook with the addition of the Michigan Wizard of Oz Festival to be placed as an Action item; seconded by Member Lentz.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes from the DDA meeting for June 2021. Motion to approve minutes by Member Dave Cook; seconded by Member Lentz.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** DDA accounts payable for May 26, 2021 – June 25, 2021 in the amount of \$2,014.49. Theatre accounts payable for May 26, 2021 – June 25, 2021 in the amount \$6,117.80.  
Motion to approve by Member Lentz; seconded by Member Margot Cook.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**DDA Director Report:** Report included in DDA Board of Directors meeting document package.

**THEATRE REPORT:** Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson provided the Board of Directors with a full report noting movie options are beginning to increase. Theatre marquee restoration / painting and exterior brick tuck pointing underway. Proposal for roof replacement to be provided.

**BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Rescheduling of Fireworks Display: Motion to approve Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> with a rain date of Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> by Member Margot Cook; seconded by Member Lentz.  
MOTION CARRIED.

DDA Director to contact Melrose Pyrotechnics with 2022 dates. To be placed on August City Council agenda.

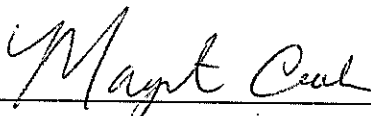
2. Michigan Wizard of Oz Festival: Place on August agenda for final review.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / OTHER:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> floor residential units within Main Street Business District. Full discussion at August Board of Directors meeting. Presentation by Bruce Johnston / Revitalize LLC at September meeting.

GENERAL ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 8:50am by Member Lentz, seconded by Member Blomstron.  
MOTION CARRIED.



DDA Board Secretary

  
DDA Recording Secretary

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