

City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority
June 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The Ionia Downtown Development Authority meeting was called to order at 8:00AM by Chairperson Mike Kirgis.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll call revealed the following DDA Board of Directors present: Olivia Blomstrom, Dave Cook, Margot Cook, Mike Kirgis, John Krueger, Paul Lentz, Tim Hemenway, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve by Member Dave Cook; seconded by Member Margot Cook.
MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the DDA meeting for May 19, 2021. Motion to approve minutes by Member Hemenway; seconded by Member Margot Cook.
MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT DDA accounts payable for April 26, 2021 – May 25, 2021 in the amount of \$9,387.75. Theatre accounts payable for April 26, 2021 – May 25, 2021 in the amount \$7,674.95.
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. Official ribbon cutting for the mural is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:00PM.

THEATRE REPORT: Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson provided the Board of Directors with a full report noting patron numbers remain low. Movie options are beginning to increase. Theatre rentals remain limited to date. The Theatre marquee restoration and painting will begin once a quote is approved by City Council.

BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. DDA FY 2021 / 2022: Motion to approve the DDA FY 2021 / 2022 budget by Member Hemenway; seconded by Member Lentz.
MOTION CARRIED.
2. DDA Bylaws: Motion to approve by Member Lentz to accept the DDA bylaws as presented; seconded by Member Dave Cook.
MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMES / OTHER:

1. Downtown lamppost banners: At the July 2020 DDA Board of Directors meeting, a decision not to allow placement of downtown lamppost banners, event signage and / or promotional flags was approved. Decision still stands as noted.
2. Social Zones: Discussion regarding downtown and Steele Street area Social Zones was presented. Due to the small number of restaurants in the downtown area, costs and licensing related the proposed project, the DDA Board of Directors will not approve the creation of a Social Zone District.

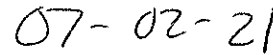
GENERAL ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 9:25am by Member Lentz, seconded by Member Margot Cook.

MOTION CARRIED.



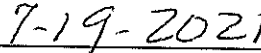
DDA Board Secretary



Date



DDA Recording Secretary



Date