

City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority  
May 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The Ionia Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:04AM by Vice Chairperson J. Krueger.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Roll call revealed the following DDA Board of Directors present: Dave Cook, Margot Cook, City Manager Precia Garland, Tim Hemenway, Cathy Hoppough, John Krueger, Paul Lentz, Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson, and DDA Director Linda Curtis.

Guests: Heather Sizemore, Moises Velasco, and Assistant to the City Manager Jonathon Bowman.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Moises Velasco / El Mariachi Restaurant provided a PowerPoint presentation reflecting the before and after photos in addition to a renovation summary of the property. Mr. Velasco noted his continued support of the revitalization of the downtown district. He is in favor of 1<sup>st</sup> floor residential units with an ordinance that maintains commercial and retail space while allowing for growth and vibrancy of the business district.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve agenda as presented by Member Hoppough; seconded by Member M. Cook.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes from the DDA Board of Directors meeting for April 2022.  
Motion to approve by Member Lentz; seconded by Member Hemenway.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** DDA accounts payable for March 26, 2022 – April 25, 2022 in the amount of \$1,321.47.  
Ionia Theatre accounts payable for March 26, 2022 – April 25, 2022 in the amount \$17,493.63.  
Motion to approve by Member Hemenway; seconded by Member Hoppough.  
MOTION CARRIED.

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

**THEATRE REPORT:** The hearing / visually impaired accessibility program is now installed with the system being fully certified. The slate of upcoming first run movies is solid. Due to the delay in construction timeline of the concession stand, other options are being considered. Numerous special events are being scheduled in the Theatre during the upcoming months.

BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. First Floor Residential moved to Discussion Items.

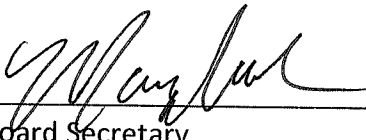
DISCUSSION ITEMS / OTHER:

1. First Floor Residential Committee Report: Committee Chair Lentz noted that the group met to further discuss the proposal, however they are not ready to propose a recommendation to the Board of Directors. Committee to meet in June – prior to the upcoming Board of Directors meeting.
2. Member Hemenway noted the Ionia Harvest Market will be hosting an 'End of Summer Celebration' scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2022. The event will include musical entertainment, meal and beverage options. Tickets on sale soon with proceeds supporting the IHM.

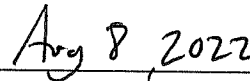
GENERAL ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 8:43AM by Member D. Cook; seconded by Member Hemenway.

MOTION CARRIED.



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DDA Board Secretary



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