

City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority

May 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The Ionia Downtown Development Authority meeting was called to order at 8:03AM by Chairperson Mike Kirgis.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Roll call revealed the following DDA Board of Directors present: 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. Guest Karen Bota / Greenville Daily News.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** N/A

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

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT** DDA accounts payable for March 26, 2021 – April 25, 2021 in the amount of \$5,477.29.  
Theatre accounts payable for March 26, 2021 – April 25, 2021 in the amount \$7,632.65.  
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 that recent inspections were clear / approved. Movie attendance remains low due to lack of films, season of the year and COVID restrictions. Theatre will be open during Car Show, Cow Pie Classic, Memorial Day and other upcoming events.

**BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:**

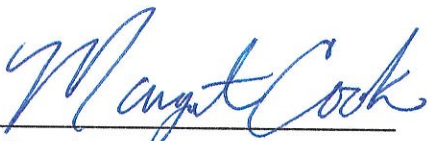
1. Event approval of City of Ionia Fireworks Display scheduled for July 1, 2021.  
Motion to move forward with City of Ionia Fireworks Display by Member Lentz; seconded by Member Margot Cook.  
MOTION CARRIED.
2. Event approval of Michigan Wizard of Oz Festival scheduled for October 1 – 2, 2021.  
Motion to move forward with Michigan Wizard of Oz Festival by Member Hemenway; seconded by Member Lentz.  
MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / OTHER:

1. Ionia Harvest Market: Member Hemenway provided an update on the progress of the Market including future utility and WIFI upgrades to the pavilion, 501 (c) 3 process moving forward, and SNAP program approved. Board is seeking a grant writer to assist with funding opportunities.
2. Downtown signage, banners and flags discussion to be placed on June agenda.

GENERAL ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 8:37am by Member Hemenway, seconded by Member Lentz.  
MOTION CARRIED.



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DDA Board Secretary



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DDA Recording Secretary

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