

City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority
September 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The Ionia Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:00AM by Chairperson 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, Tim Hemenway, 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: Bruce Johnston and Krista Wrozek / Revitalize LLC, Heather Sizemore / The Jewel Box, Joe Cantwell / Cantwell Training and Cow Pie Race, and Moises Velasco / 410-412 W Main Street.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Presentation by Bruce Johnston / Revitalize LLC on first floor residential units created in downtown business districts. Discussion followed with input from guests and Board members.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve agenda with the addition of Dumpster Policy as a Discussion Item by Member Hemenway; seconded by Member Dave Cook.
MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the DDA meeting for August 2021. Noted by Member Krueger to approve minutes with the correction as follows:
Upon recommendation of the Michigan Wizard of Oz Festival committee, a motion to cancel the 2021 Michigan Wizard of Oz Festival by Member Hemenway; seconded by Member Hoppough.
MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT DDA accounts payable for July 26, 2021 – August 25, 2021 in the amount of \$1,239.36.
Theatre accounts payable for July 26, 2021 – August 25, 2021 in the amount \$15,463.07.
Motion to approve by Member Dave Cook; 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 upcoming movies Cry Macho and Adams Family. Disney will end streaming of new movies at the end of the year. Fundraisers include an upcoming murder mystery event November 6th in addition to a possible January concert. Roof repair will be open to bids once proposal is complete.

BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. 1st floor residential units within Business District: Motion to create committee with Paul Lentz as chairperson to review options relating to 1st floor residential units within the Business District by Member Dave Cook; seconded by Member Hemenway.

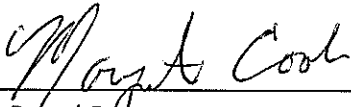
DISCUSSION ITEMS / OTHER:

1. Bicycle repair station for Trail: Guest Joe Cantwell provided information on cost and possible sites to locate a bicycle repair station. The addition of a repair unit will increase rideability of the Trail. Mr. Cantwell and Dan's Bike Shop will split cost to purchase the unit. Site to be determined.
2. Downtown Dumpster Policy: A review of the upgraded policy and concerns with illegal dumping were presented to the Board of Directors. DDA Director to meet with Ionia Lock and Key to discuss options for securing enclosures.

GENERAL ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 9:15AM by Member Dave Cook, seconded by Member Blomstrom.

MOTION CARRIED.



DDA Board Secretary

10-7-21

Date

DDA Recording Secretary

Date