

CITY OF HANCOCK

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2012

Chairperson Pete Wickley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 2, 2012 with the following members present: Frank Taucher, Pete Wickley, Jordan Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Steve Zutter, Bonnie Holland and Bill Laitila.

Absent: Carol Fisher and Jim Bogan

Guests/Staff: John Graser, Richard Vendlinski, Jennifer Burkhouse, Dale Burkhouse, John Haeussler and Glenn Anderson.

It was moved by Holland and seconded by Zutter to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Holland to approve the March 5, 2012 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Updates/Information

- Reviewed the January 10th HB & PA meeting minutes.

- Reviewed the PLLB meeting notes of February 1st.

- Heard spring clean up is scheduled for May 4th and 5th, 2012 from 7 am to 7 pm.

- Looked over the results of the 5 committees related to the Reshape Downtown Task Force,

- Reviewed the Western UP Health Dept. plan approval for Habanero's Grill Kitchen construction. The restaurant is expected to open around June 1st.

- Reviewed the city council resolution honoring "Big" Louie Moilanen's life, and noted a local fund raising effort is underway to fund a new monument for Big Louie, the Copper Country Giant.

- Reviewed the new MTU marketing campaign and information on the current student population.

- Noted that MTU's 2035 strategic plan is for 8,750 students, including 5,750 undergraduates and 3,000 graduate students, with up to 40 to 50% women students.

- Reviewed MDOT's Ishpeming TSC 2012 construction projects, including repaving US41 from Lake Annie Rd. to Calumet, less the airport passing relief lanes, and the reconstruct of M26 from Tamarack to Hubbell.

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- Heard that the Citizen Bank building valuation will be lowered from \$800,000 to \$550,000 to reflect the new owners purchase of the building on June 29, 2011.
- Heard that the city will replace a new 6" service lateral to the 116 Quincy St. building for fire suppression purposed as part of the redevelopment project.

DDA Chairperson Wickley reported that he and Jim Bogan attended to HB & PA meeting hold on March 13th to discuss an annual DDA appropriation in lieu of specific requests. The DDA historically has funded between \$1, 200 and \$1,500 toward HB & PA operations.

The HB & PA presented a budget indicating \$12,582 annual expenses, and only 7,200 in revenue using its 2012 budget.

Wickley and Bogan recommended a \$4,000 annual support beginning July 1, 2012, if funds are available.

It was moved by Laitila and seconded by Zutter to approve a \$4,000 contribution to the HB & PA for the FY 12/13.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Richard "Rick" Vendlinski attened the meeting to brief the DDA on the upgraded Yooper Sprint Triathlon which will be held on Sunday, June 17th as part of this years Bridgefest event.

The DDA reviewed a façade grant application from Tim Clark, 316 Quincy St. for a grant of \$4,311.46 to rehab the 1st floor store front into a commercial space.

It was moved by K. Johnson and seconded by Holland to invite Tim Clark to attend the May 7th DDA meeting to answer questions related to his project.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Rob Sintkowski, representing the St.Vincent De Paul Store, 204 Quincy St., has asked about financial help to replace the store's roof. No formal request was received by the DDA.

It was moved by Laitila and seconded by Taucher to adjourn at 6:06 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem