

**CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

Regular Meeting:

Call to order by Chairperson Jon Luse at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Lahti, Luse, Olsson, Nagel, Rickard, Salani

Absent: None

Motion by Member Rickard and supported by Member Fiala to approve the agenda.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment: Zack Osbourne - informed the DDA about the Keweenaw Market Association and their collaboration with their incubator program and the Cold Season TORI at the Hancock Community Hub. Zac is also opening Shiba Café in a new location - Finlandia Hall in March/April.

Motion by Member Rickard and supported by Member Fiala to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 6, 2025.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Member Olsson and supported by Member Blau to approve the Closed Session minutes of January 6, 2025.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Updates/Information

- **Hancock Cold Season TORI and Neighborhood Marketplace:** Open Saturdays from 10 am – Noon at the Hancock Community Hub Gymnasium through May.
- **Amendment of the DDA Plan:** A sub-committee of Members Fiala, Diebel, and Olsson will explore the possibility of restructuring the DDA district.
- **Hancock Snow Sculpting Invitational:** This inaugural event is moving forward with final details and will be on Quincy Green beginning February 21st.
- **Holiday Decorations:** Feedback from Members about the 2024 Christmas holiday decorations and what we can do better for 2025.
- **RAP Grant Opportunity:** Went over details of the RAP Grant for public bathrooms and splash pad on Quincy Green.
- **Joint Meeting:** City Council, Planning Commission, and DDA will be held at Small Craft at 101 Navy Street.

- **Barnelopet:** The City of Hancock and the Hancock Trails Club hosts the 18th Annual Barnelopet at the Maasto Hiihto Trails on February 9th at 1 pm.
- **Canal Run:** Celebrates their 50th Birthday Party at 5th & Elm on February 11th with free pizza, cake, and storytelling.
- **Transit Survey Update:** The Houghton/Hancock public transit survey held informational meetings in January. Surveys were mailed to the public in February with a follow-up public meeting planned for April.

New Business

1. Motion by Member Fiala and supported by Member Blau to approve DDA Resolution 25-01 in support of Milly's Hancock, LLC DDA Liquor License application.

Yes: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Lahti, Nagel, Olsson, Rickard, Salani
 No: None
 Abstain: Luse
 Motion Carried

2. Motion by Member Rickard and supported by Member Fiala to approve the Hancock Business Jumpstart Program in the amount of \$3,000 to Uncle's Local Diner (formerly Kaleva Café) at 234 Quincy Street.

Yes: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Luse, Lahti, Nagel, Olsson, Rickard, Salani
 No: None
 Motion Carried

3. Motion by Member Rickard and supported by Member Fiala to approve the Façade Grant application in the amount of \$10,000 to Uncle's Local Diner (formerly Kaleva Café) at 234 Quincy Street.

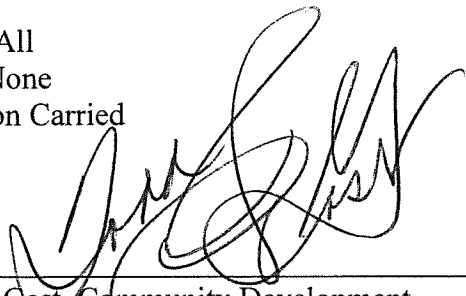
Motion by Member Nagel and supported by Member Fiala to table this until further information is available.

Yes: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Luse, Nagel, Olsson, Rickard, Salani
 No: Lahti
 Motion Tabled

Public Comment: Zack Osbourne – informed the DDA about the Keweenaw Market Association bringing a Saturday morning TORI to Quincy Green this summer.

Motion by Member Fiala and supported by Member Nagel to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Yes: All
 No: None
 Motion Carried



 Todd Gast, Community Development