

Downtown Development Authority
City of New Baltimore
MINUTES
Regular Meeting 1st Wednesday
Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Approved
Sandra L. McClure
7-2-08

Call to Order by the Chairman, Sandy McClure, at 7:03 PM.

Members Present: 1] Sandy McClure, Chair, 2] Karl Rutledge, Vice Chair, 3] Bonnie Vanderbossche, Treasurer, 4] Max Plante, Secretary, 5] Tom Goldenbogen, Mayor, 6] Dorothy Stabile, 7] Joe Drompp, 8] and Shannon Longstaff.

Not Present: 9] Nancy Gruca, 10] Andre D'Anna, and 11] Dick Pierson.

Quorum: 8 of 11. The 12th Member yet to be appointed.

Also Present: Judy Sproat, Director of Planning and Economic Development, and Assist. to the Mayor, Marc Levisé, and Mary Rutledge.

Minutes of Wednesday, May 7, 2008 were approved as corrected noting Bonnie Vanderbossche as Treasurer by MOTION of Karl Rutledge and seconded by Bonnie Vanderbossche. All in favor.

Agenda was approved with the addition of the Michigan Downtown Association by MOTION of Tom Goldenbogen and seconded by Karl Rutledge. All approved.

Treasurer's Report by **Bonnie Vanderbossche** as of May 31, 2008 was accepted by MOTION of Karl Rutledge and seconded by Tom Goldenbogen. All in favor. A discussion noted that the TIFA term would end in 2013 but because of prepayments the term will end in 2010

Kayak Race [by Bay Rama] of 3 Miles starting at the new beach on Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 10:00 AM was noted with Jeanne Bocci the Race Director and Max Plante the Race Chairman.

TasteFest to be held June 24 the Tuesday preceding Bay Rama in the Festival Tent put on by the AB Chamber of Commerce and the AB Community Foundation with the DDA providing a \$450 sponsorship.

Bay Rama 44th Year as a respected and very important event in New Baltimore and particularly so to our Downtown. They very much deserve all the support possible by the DDA.

Ride the Wave Welcome to the Beach event to be held Friday, June 20, 2008 starting at 5:00 PM to include sandcastle building with free pails etc. courtesy of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, Reggae live music, Beach Dedication by the Mayor at 6:00 PM, limbo contests, vendor treats, and the movie, Surfs Up at dusk. All are excited to be dedicating our new fabulous beach and pier.

Howell Mayor Exchange was successful and beneficial both visiting there and having them here. Their population is only 9,000 but some \$2,000,000 more in taxes partially due to a huge Pepsi plant. Their Chamber of Commerce has a staff of 9 while including an Authority Area. They have a significant Hot Air Balloon event every year. They do have a nice small actively used lake but were impressed with our Anchor Bay. The dinner here went off well including a nicely done honoring Beth Bagley Stanton as Citizen of the Year and Richard's Automotive as Business of the Year.

Sidewalk Pots are out and looking good thanks again to Nancy Gruca and her artful and hard work.

Mayor's Report deferred due to an important Red Wings Playoff Game starting at 8:30 PM.

Joint Meeting with Planning Commission was noted by all as productive and helpful. Another joint meeting to be held at their regular August meeting.

Michigan Downtown Association to be joined with a fee of \$100 to be paid by MOTION of Max Plante and seconded by Mayor, Tom Goldenbogen. All in favor.

No Public Discussion this evening.

Remember the New Beach becomes Camp Rock on June 20 at 6:00 PM.

Rescheduling of DDA Meeting Night to be considered with Judy Sproat to email everyone with suggestions and a query as to what is most convenient for our members.

2 Additional Members on DDA to be appointed per the Mayor or 12 Members in addition to the Mayor serving also as a member.

Bull Frog Restaurant may be delayed coming to Downtown due to the economy being nearly terrible in Michigan in 2008.

Jack's Restaurant Plans are apparently not finalized.

Museum Store is in place but has not yet selected a name.

New Pier judged a raving success. The new pier is very attractive and is being highly used in various ways including the actually catching of fish by particularly the young kids.

Blue Prints Project should incorporate the entire Park and the future entire City Hall Center.

Stahl's per Dorothy Stabile to add Sandwiches and Panini [Italian hot pressed sandwiches per Google].

Next Meeting to be Wednesday, July 2 at 7:00 PM.

Adjourned at 8:22 PM [in time for the Red Wings] by MOTION of Karl Rutledge and seconded by Dorothy Stabile. All in favor.


Max Plante, Secretary