

Downtown Development Authority

City of New Baltimore

MINUTES

Date Change from Dec 3 to Dec 10, 2008

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Call to Order at 7:00 PM by the Chair, Sandy McClure.**Members Present:** 1] Sandy McClure, Chair, 2] Karl Rutledge, Vice Chair, 3] Max Plante, Secretary, 4] Bonnie Vanderbossche, Treasurer, 5] Tom Goldenbogen, Mayor, 6] Nancy Gruca, 7] Mark Lietke, 8] Dorothy Stabile, and 9] Dick Pierson.**Not Present:** 10] Joe Drompp, and 11] Shannon Longstaff.**Quorum:** 9 of 11 [12th member to be appointed].**Also Present:** Judy Sproat, Dir. of Economic Development; Susan Burkhardt, Council Member; Flo Hayman, Council Member; and Mile Wojciechowski, Planning Commission Member.**Guests Present:** Joe Stabile, Christine Nellis with her son, Phillip.**Recording Equipment** not available tonight.**Minutes** of November 5, 2008 approved as submitted by MOTION of Tom Goldenbogen and seconded by Dorothy Stabile. All in favor.**Minutes** of September 3, 2008 to replace the Memo Minutes not ready as yet per the Secretary.**Agenda** emailed to all Members was approved by MOTION of Mark Lietke and seconded by Bonnie Vanderbossche. All in favor with a change in the item order.**Treasurer's Witten Statement for November** was accepted with thanks to Bonnie by MOTION of Nancy Gruca and seconded by Dick Pierson. All in favor. Bonnie noted as of November 30 a Checking Account Bal of \$1,522 with Time Deposits of \$133,984. The next annual payment is \$23,774 due on 9/30/09 with Interest at 4.26%. Disbursements of \$1,220 were noted with \$500 to eight Scarecrow Contest Winners along with Jingle Bell Sponsorship of \$250, Brick Contest winner of \$125, and other expenses.**No public Comments.****Meeting Change from Dec 3 to Dec 10 2008 Affirmed** by MOTION of Tom Goldenbogen and seconded by Nancy Gruca. All in favor of this change with email notice having been given to all Members.**2009 Meetings Changed to 2nd Wednesday** by MOTION of Max Plante and seconded by Bonnie Vanderbossche. All in favor of this change polled by Judy Sproat as the best for all Members. The only conflict will be with possible ZBA meetings which may be held in the office conference room since only 5 members constitute the ZBA. Members agreed to meet on Veterans Day November 11, 2009.

2009 Meeting Schedule to be emailed to all member by Judy.

2009 Election of Officers to be held January 14, 2009 by MOTION of Karl Rutledge and seconded by Dorothy Stabile. All in favor.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2009 by MOTION of Karl Rutledge and seconded by Dick Pierson be the same except with the Vice Chair being Dick Pierson rather than Karl Rutledge who is very busy in the Planning Commission. All in favor with McClure, Chair; Plante, Secretary; and Vanderbossche, Treasure.

Brick Contest by Nancy Gruca ended a great year with the final winner of \$125 having to indentify 2 versus 1 brick. Thanks to Beth Bagley Stanton for her super job conjuring up all the interesting clues which kept people busy and happy.

Christmas Stocking Contest by Nancy Gruca noted 10 stockings to date which is 4 more than last year.

Mayors City Wide Report:

2 Million Dollar Lottery Winner in New Baltimore to a 26 year old in college who will first pay off his parent's mortgage.

Pancake Breakfast both enjoyable and successful.

Tree Lighting with a nice crowd on a cold night. It was fun and enjoyed by all with the school children's choir.

Reduced Income to New Baltimore was noted by Tom due to the national housing market near collapse, but the road infrastructure improvements to continue.

Sink Hole near New Sewer Plant Contraction is now $\frac{3}{4}$ filled in and should be complete by the end of December.

Highview Street Work to be delayed until spring weather arrives.

Industrial Development District Paving to be done in 2009.

Kayak Race Final Reports submitted by Co-chairs Max Plante and Dorothy Stabile which included an Overview Write-up with a complete Income and Expense Statement along with a copy of the Race Results sent to the contestants and individual thank you letters. It was a 3 part venue with a 3 Mile Race at 11:00 AM, an included lunch with awards at Stahl's, and a Tour from 2PM to 4 PM all conducted by our Race Director Jeanne Bocci. Net Expenses were \$1,132 after colored posters, cash awards, meals, 2008 Elite Kayak Racer Long Sleeve Turtle Neck T-shirts, mailing costs, and race director fees. The race drew 12 kayak racers and 16 kayakers for the tour. It was enjoyed by all and newspaper coverage included a 2 full page spread in the Voice Weekend touting New Baltimore on Anchor Bay for Kayak Racing.

MOTION to Accept Report by Dorothy Stabile and seconded by Karl Rutledge. All in favor with perhaps t-shirts to be sold by the Chamber and at other locations.

Polar Bear Plunge and Chili Cook-off to be held Saturday and Sunday of January 24 and 25th with a little larger tent this year and in the same location. The plunge will be held at the new beach and with our new pier should make for improved fun and better viewing. MOTION by Goldenbogen and seconded by Plante that the DDA sponsor these great Downtown Events with \$700. Except Karl Rutledge all were in favor.

Scarecrow and Stocking Contests per Nancy to request 2009 Budget increases. Dick Pierson suggested we include a Fishfly contest also.

BLUEPRINT FOR DOWNTOWN by HyettPalma was discussed with all weighing in on what a successful program it was and that now it is up to everyone interested in an improved City of New Baltimore. The issue of replacing trees was discussed with all acknowledging that it will be handled with sensitivity and perhaps the wood from the large trees not able to be replanted to be timbered in such a way that the wood will be used in the park in some other tasteful manner.

It was also noted that City Council has already made a first definitive step by eliminating the One Way Alleys in Downtown.

Judy submitted 4 detailed sheets: 1] Organization Work Plan, 2] Design Work Plan, 3] Business Development Work Plan, and 4] Marketing and Promotion Work Plan.

Adopt Downtown Blueprint Plan by MOTION of Max Plante and seconded by Nancy Gruca. All in favor.

Adoption of the Blueprints Plan as the Foundation for the update of the DDA and TIFA Plan by MOTION of Max Plante and seconded by Mark Lietke. All in favor.

1st 2009 Meeting Wednesday January 14, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM by MOTION of Max Plante and seconded by Mark Lietke to concentrate on Blueprints after the election of officers. All in favor.

Receive and File by Motion of Karl Rutledge a MSU college paper prepared on New Baltimore by Anthony Sabella conveyed by Judy Sprout. All in favor.

Adjourned at 8:40 PM by MOTION of Karl Rutledge and seconded by Marl Lietke. All in favor.

Max Plante, Secretary