

CITY OF NEW BALTIMORE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY(DDA)  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 12, 2020

A meeting of the City of New Baltimore Downtown Development Authority (DDA) held on Wednesday August 12, 2020 virtually via ZOOM was called to order by Chairman Lietke at 7:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was recited by all those present

PRESENT: Byrum-Treasurer, Drompp, Dupray, Lietke-Chairman, Krause-Secretary, Miller, Adams, Higgins-Vice Chairman, Dehem

ALSO PRESENT: Florence Hayman, Carl Weinreich, Council Representatives

All members were present. A quorum was declared.

APPROVE Postponement of Meeting minutes from July 8, 2020.

A motion was made by Byrum, supported by Higgins to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Add item G. Business Videos

Question by Miller regarding inclusion of DTE Bill. Note that at the last meeting it was decided that any DTE Bill less than \$200 would not be put on the agenda.

A motion was made by Dupray supported by Krause to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Members were in receipt of the Treasurer and Budget Reports dated July 31, 2020.

Byrum: \$7.18 interest; \$19.94 electric bill, Balance of \$169,609.95

Miller: Suggested moving \$150,000 into a Money Market as it is more secure.

A motion was made by Miller to set up a Money Market Account, supported by Higgins. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Dehem, supported by Miller to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. GOLF CARTS:

Councilman Covert came to clarify questions and have a discussion. Councilman Weinreich wants clarification on what type of use. Councilman Covert explained that the council's resolution is separate from residential use. It was to be helpful to businesses downtown and the marina to run from the Marina down Front Street, up Washington to Green St. Discussion included clarification on who has access, who owns the cart and who is entitled to use them. Chairman Lietke explained the cart owners will be required to carry liability insurance. Discussion about renaming it a "business shuttle" versus a golf cart. There was discussion of a need to look at the type of cart, how fast they go, whether seatbelts were necessary, under 50 CC's and if there was a need for a permit from the Police Department. Higgins, Krause and Byrum will represent DDA on a committee to work with the City Council.

A motion was made by Lietke to do a DDA roll call to approve the use of Golf Carts as proposed. The motion carried unopposed.

B. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Chairman Lietke asked DDA if they should move forward on this issue.

A Motion was made by Chairman Lietke to take a vote on moving forward with electric vehicle charging stations.

No: Drompp, Byrum, Lietke, Krause, Miller, Adams, Higgins

Yes: Dupray, Dehem

C. Country Fest: Date set for July 9th and 10th 2021

D. Facade Grant Committee Report:

No report but clarification on type of signage. Questions about Kret's Garage sign, Mayor Dupray explained the sign would be removed by the new business.

E. Dock Report:

Chairmen Lietke inquired of Mark Miller whether there were grants available. Miller stated he made contact and was waiting for a return call.

F. Second required public informational DDA meeting:

Chairman Lietke stated it will have to be via ZOOM. There was a suggestion to hold off until after September. Chairman Lietke suggested leaving it on the agenda until next month. Stated there has to be 2 per year.

G. Business Videos:

Byrum: Stated he would like to move forward and contact a video person he knows. Business Spotlight, 45 seconds-1 minute. Use in the future to promote New Baltimore. Miller stated he knows someone in the Chamber of Commerce that could offer a 2nd bid.

MAYOR UPDATE

Development progress: City's property (6 lots): Discussion with developer Peak 3. They finished evaluating with their lender. City subcommittee will be meeting with them early next week.

Kret's Garage: Went to Planning and submitted revised site plan which was approved. The City Council unanimously approved the plan. They are currently obtaining permits from the building department. In discussion with fire department and building officials regarding sprinklers. Vacant lot next to Stahls: finished architectural drawings are approved by City Council and planning. There is a current discussion when design for sprinklers should be done. Miller asked why a crafter organizer was not allowed by the City to have a show or even fill out an Event Application and wanted to know what happened. The mayor wanted more information to look into what happened.

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Byrum: Stated that the email database is set up and if anyone has an email they want to put out to the DDA just send it.

Hayman: Thank you Jeff for sending the video about Anchor Bay Aquarium. Thank you DDA for giving out contact information for all members.

Krause: Welcome to Jim Dehem to the DDA.

Drompp: Wanted to know status of Stahls: Mayor Dupray stated they got a loan from MEDC. They are gutting the inside of the building to determine any structural issues. Inquired about bands in the park and if Congressman Mitchell would be in attendance for Business by the Bay. Chairmen Lietke talked to Parks and Rec who said most events would be cancelled this year. Mayor Dupray stated that yes the congressman would be present.

Weinreich: Appreciate everyone's hard work and continuation of meetings.

Miller: Wants to end ZOOM meetings. Suggests having meetings in restaurants, wants to open up the city and for those who can't or don't want to come out don't have to. Anchor Bay Idol is going to happen September 12, 2020 in New Haven. Stated that New Haven has continued with movies in the park and music in the park. Stated that he has been disappointed that the City of New Baltimore has not been more proactive in moving forward. He understands that there are 2 views but that we need to open the city and maybe meet in the middle.

Lietke: Thanks to Jeff Byrum for small business grants. Four or five businesses have been granted \$5,000 grants.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Byrum, supported by Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. The motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Frank Krause, Secretary