

**CITY OF LAPEER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
LAPEER MAIN STREET MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

A regular meeting of the City of Lapeer Downtown Development Authority and Lapeer Main Street was held electronically via GoToMeeting at the Downtown Development Authority Executive Director's office at 410 W. Nepeensing Street, Suite 106, Lapeer, Michigan on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Dan Osentoski, Vice Chairman Tim Roodvoets, Mr. Dan Sharkey, Ms. Debbie Marquardt, Ms. Ginni Bruman, Mike O'Brien, Mr. Mike Burke, Mr. Dan Gerlach (joined at 8:07 a.m.) and Ms. Bailey RaCosta (joined at 8:07 a.m.)

Members Absent: Mr. Ray Davis, Ms. Sue Griggs., Mr. Steve Elzerman and Mr. Jeff Hogan

Also Present: Mr. James Alt, DDA Executive Director, and Ms. Jill Lyons, Center for the Arts Executive Director.

Chairman Osentoski called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

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It was moved by Ms. Bruman and supported by Mr. Roodvoets to approve the Consent Agenda for February 24, 2021 as follows:

1. Approval of minutes of DDA meeting held on January 27, 2021; and
2. Approval of Treasurer Report and Bill Listing.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: Mr. Sharkey, Ms. Marquardt, Mr. Burke, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Osentoski, Mr. Roodvoets and Ms. Bruman.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Davis, Ms. Griggs, Mr. Elzerman, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Gerlach and Ms. RaCosta.

Abstain: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Committee

There was not a report.

MAIN STREET COMMITTEE REPORTS

Organization Committee

Ms. Bruman reported that the committee met and discussed the committee's work plans, the status of the Farmers' Market pavilion, the possibility utilizing the Maestro software program, potential projects and project leaders.

Mr. Gerlach and Ms. RaCosta joined the meeting at 8:07 a.m.

Design Committee

Mr. Alt reported the committee is scheduled to meet Thursday to discuss potential Farmers' Market setup locations, getting the committee's work plans underway and a volunteer interested in joining the committee.

Economic Restructuring Committee

Mr. Alt reported that Pete Clinton with the County Press is now the committee's Chairman, that the committee is scheduled to meet today to score the MEDC Match on Main grant applications and will begin to get the committee's work plans underway.

Promotion Committee

Mr. Alt reported the committee is reviewing the 2021 events and determining what adjustments may be necessary and investigating the potential of holding a Vernor's Festival in 2022 or 2023 and a Historic Scavenger Hunt.

Center for the Arts

Ms. Lyons updated the board on current and upcoming exhibits at Gallery 194, the popular Art Pantry program, adult Art Pantry projects now available and pottery classes. Ms. Lyons also updated the board on the status of grant applications submitted and reviewed the CFA Quarterly Financial Report submitted in the meeting packet.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Alt reported the status of the Farmers' Market pavilion is as written in his submitted report and that he will be meeting with the new County Administrator Quentin Bishop to discuss ways for the County and the DDA to work together. Mr. Alt updated the board on the repair needed to a granite bench in the Pocket Park, the request for Mr. McCreedy to submit a quote for spring upkeep of the Pocket Park and the legality of installing cameras at the Pocket Park.

Mr. Alt also updated the board on the Burke's Flowers business which is for sale, his recent discussions with owners of the former Peddler's Place and BC Comics spaces on recruiting tenants/purchasers and plans to nominate the Team Work building renovation project for a Historic Preservation Award. Mr. Alt reported the owners of the Lyric Mall are planning a 100-year anniversary open house event and that the owner of Speedy Screen Printing will be vacating her space and working out of her home. Mr. Alt requested the DDA members submit any comments they may have to him on a request to be considered by the Planning Commission on March 11th to operate a pet crematorium at 26 W. Park Street which is the former Park Street Auto Wash.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business items.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no old business items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business it was moved by Mr. Gerlach to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Ms. Ginni Bruman
Secretary