



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 – 3:30 p.m. | Council Chambers | 989-754-8222

- I. **Call to Order-** Chairman Tom Basil called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm
- II. **Roll Call** – Rachel Murdock took roll
Members Present: Tom Basil, Dawn Goodrow, Jim Hill, John Markey, Tim Morales, Amy Spadafore, Herb Spence, Eric Tankersley, Dennis Whalen and Demiyah Barlow
Staff Present: Tom Miller, Steve Hensley, Rachel Murdock and Cassi Zimmerman
- III. **Public Comment** – None
- IV. **Approval of Minutes- Tuesday, February 28th, 2023**
Motion by Board Member Spence, supported by Board Member Markey, to approve the February 28th 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved.
- V. **New Business-** None
- VI. **DDA Funded Activities**
 - a. **Special Events Update**
Hensley provided an update that the DDA received one application for special event funding and will be going through the process of meeting with the DDA’s Special Events Committee to review. If further review is needed, the information will be provided at next month’s DDA meeting.
 - b. **Façade Grant Update**
Hensley shared with the DDA board that funds are still available for the Façade Grant and encouraged the board to continue to get the word out to those that may be eligible for these grant dollars. The Façade Grant Program is ongoing from July 1 to June 30. Grants will be awarded on a first come first serve basis until all available funds have been given.
 - c. **Snowflake Lights Removal**
Hensley updated the board regarding the snowflake removal explaining they will be removed the second week of April and will cost \$1,050.
 - d. **Holiday/Spring Flower Pots**
Hensley has contacted Begick’s and is currently awaiting the estimated cost for the Spring flowerpots. Hensley will provide an update at next months DDA meeting.
 - e. **Match on Main Recipient- GeeQues Status Update**
Hensley shared that the Match on Main check has been given to GeeQues and that they have a tentative open date for May 1st 2023. Hensley will continue to update the DDA on further grand opening date details.

VII. Projects

a. Huntington Bank

Miller provided an update regarding the Huntington Bank project. They are in communication with Congressman Kildee's office in hopes to gain support as the project is contingent on receiving state funds. Appropriations requests have been submitted. Miller will keep the DDA board updated as the appropriations request goes through the state legislative process.

b. Saginaw United- School Building

Miller provided an update that the Saginaw United school project is working with the school district, the mitigation process, as well as addressing environmental issues. Heavy metal contaminants were found in the soil and will require further testing. This will not delay the project and steps are being made to continue its progress. Miller requested approval from the board to apply for a 1 million EGLE grant on behalf of the DDA for the Saginaw United School building project. Motioned by Board Member Spadafore, supported by Board Member Markey. Motion approved.

VIII. Old Business

a. TIF Plan

Miller provided an update to the board explaining this would be a beneficial year to update the TIF plan and is working with Rob Eggers from SPICER Group regarding the details. Miller will provide more updates to the DDA board as he obtains more information on this process.

Board Member Goodrow asked if weed spraying in the DDA area could be added to the future budget. Miller will get an estimate on the cost and determine who would be in charge of that and will update the DDA Board once he receives that information.

Board Member Goodrow also mentioned that Morley has a beautification fund and might be able to split the cost of the Spring Flower pots. DDA Staff will look into this and report back to the DDA Board.

b. Memorial Cup

Miller updated the Board that the county needs 3 to 4 million dollars to update their facilities, specifically the Dow building, and other projects. Miller hopes to have more details to share with the DDA Board at next month's meeting.

Board Member Hill wanted to know if we wanted Dow to be able to opt out of the TIF plan. Miller explained we do not as it may cause others to opt out. Board Member Morales explained the City would compensate as needed and that we would want a mutual beneficial TIF plan for all.

IX. Other Reports/Discussions

a. Saginaw SOUP Update

Murdock provided an update on the Saginaw SOUP pitch competition, encouraging all DDA Board members to attend the event on May 4th at 6pm at CMURC, located on the 2nd floor inside the SVURC Marketplace. Twelve entrepreneurs participated in this year's Spring round and the Saginaw SOUP Committee is hopeful that most of these participants will make it to the final pitch event.

b. Consumers Energy Utility Line Relocation

Miller shared he met with Consumers Energy regarding the planning stages for their utility line relocation. There was discussion about infrastructure in the area, and how we want a shovel ready sight, and the importance of looking into the water and sewer infrastructure. Board

Member Goodrow asked if we allocated funds to this already. Miller explained we have not, but we did provide drawings for traffic measures in the area and other issues in the west side. This would be considered phase two. Miller explained to the Board that he contacted SPICER for a meeting with Consumers to get an estimated budget on the water infrastructure. Miller will bring back more information next month to make a motion for the DDA to spend budget money on this project.

Board Member Goodrow asked if the deadline passed for the May Saginaw SOUP pitch competition. Zimmerman explained that it did pass and that there will be another Saginaw SOUP pitch competition come November of this year.

Board Member Hill asked for more info on Jefferson 1 Building. Board Member Tankersely explained that it was sold to Ox Eye Media as they needed more warehouse space.

X. Next Meeting- Tuesday, April 25th 2023

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Hill, supported by Mr. Tankersley to adjourn the meeting at 4:19pm. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Murdock
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