CITY OF HANCOCK
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2009

Chairperson Peter Wickley called the regular monthly DDA meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2009 with the following members present: Kathy Johnson, Peter Wickly, Carol Fisher, Jim Bogan (arrived at 5:45 p.m.), Steve Zutter, Bill Laitila, Bonnie Holland and Darin Leetun.

Absent: Frank Taucher

Guest/Staff: Glenn Anderson, Mark Mountz

It was moved by Leetun and seconded by Fisher to approve the agenda with one addition, adding a discussion on the sale of the Gartner's Building.
AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Laitila to approve the May 4, 2009 minutes.
AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried.

There were no public comments.

Updates/Information

-Reviewed the May 14, 2009 HB & PA minutes.
-Heard that the city was awarded a $305,500 MSHDA rental and single family grant for housing upgrades in the North downtown area.
-Reviewed a picture of the proposed Gartner's Electronic sign.
-Noted the DDA reimbursed the HB & PA $349.62 for the payment of ½ the cost of Jan. 09 drawing prizes for Heikinpaiva.
-Noted Andy Lahti's opening of Gateway Auto and Lube, 921 Ohio St. He will sell used cars, tires, oil changes and car detailing.
-Jim's Pizza has added a new deck on the West side of the building and has added ice cream to the menu.
-Darin Leetun said the Navy Street Landscaping project was about 50% complete and the Porvoo Park sprinkler system has been installed. Camp Kitwen crews have been doing the labor work. It is hoped that with the closing of the Camp Kitwin the work crews can be transferred to the Baraga Prison.
-Heard that the Pic Theatre project was started by Studio Pizza.

-Discussed options to demolish a building at 122 Hancock St. The city has applied for a MSHDA grant that could pay for some or all the cost of the demo.
-Heard that UPPCO replaced its first steel pole on Quincy St. with a wooden pole at the corner of Dakota and Quincy. UPPCO could install a steel pole for $1,340.
-Heard the Scott Hotel was very close to full occupancy and was expected to be full by the end of June. The building has 28 housing units.
-Heard that Gundlach/Champion will be starting work at the upper floors of the Jutila Building this month for Finlandia University.
-Heard that Fine Line Tire would like to expand but needs a parcel to be rezoned.
-Reviewed the 2009 Bridgefest schedule of events.
-Heard that MJO Contracting was expected to be done with the water project this month.
-Heard that MDOT is expected to present its final Hancock Traffic Modeling Study this summer.

The DDA discussed the election of officers. It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Zutter to elect Peter Wickley, Chairperson, Bonnie Holland, Vice Chairperson and Steve Zutter, Secretary.
AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried.

The DDA reviewed an application for the DDA facade grant program with Mark Mountz, owner of General Glass, 128 Hancock St. He is proposing to do extensive exterior foundation and side wall work on the building facing Tezcuco St. The work proposed is to reinforce the existing cement block wall with a new foundation and a new block wall, and then vinyl siding above the cement block. The cost estimate for all exterior work is $22,043.

It was moved by Zutter and seconded by Leetun to approve up to a $10,000 matching grant for General Glass, 128 Hancock St. for exterior façade work.
AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion Carried.

The DDA discussed the Gartner's Building, 102 Quincy St., and the recent reduction in price. The building is listed with Century 21 at a current asking price of 399,000. City Manager Glenn Anderson said Dave Jukuri, Century 21, has approached the DDA about offering to sell the building for $225,000, and the owners would be interested in a counter offer.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Fisher to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.
AYES: All
NAYES: None
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary Pro-Tem