

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022**

First Informational Meeting of 2022:

Power Point Presentation by Mary Babcock, City Manager 6:00 PM

Regular Meeting:

Call to Order: Chairperson Jonathan Luse at 6:10 PM

Present: Jonathan Luse, John Diebel, Andy Lahti, Michele Blau, Steve Zutter, Robert Frantti

Quorum present

Others in attendance: Mary Babcock, Deb Mann, Miriam Pickens, Steve Walton

Absent: Steve Patchin, Heinonen and LaBine

Motion made by Member Frantti and seconded by Member Blau to excuse the absences of Patchin, Heinonen and LaBine

Aye: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion made by Member Zutter and seconded by Member Frantti to approve the agenda

Aye: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Motion by Member Blau and seconded by Member Diebel to approve the April 2, 2022 meeting minutes.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Updates/Information:

- RRC Update – Zoning Ordinance remains the biggest challenge. Marketing Plan is developed to promote the use of one brand image for communication for the City of Hancock.
- Assessor's Report – Disabled veteran's exemption (16) total taxable value \$893,701 – State of Michigan evaluating plans to decrease tax burden on small communities for this exemption.
- Police Department Millage Proposal – needed to supplement cost of additional officer to provide 24/7 coverage in the City of Hancock
- Trash collection – City of Hancock stickers will be sold for trash collection. Customers can purchase their choice of bags up to 35 lbs.
- Business updates – Keweenaw Coop took possession of the building at 612 Quincy Street and is beginning their capital campaign May 3, 2022
 - New restaurant operators at the Jutilla Center – Griffin Family Café and Catering

- The art work has been installed at the Pocket Park at 101 Quincy and Quincy Footwear.
- A survey will be sent to all local businesses to get information that will help with growth and recruitment to the City of Hancock. Businesses will be added to the city website under a directory and we will be able to provide them with a direct notification for advisories or emergencies.
- Business and Technology Park – Building convenances are under discussion.
- Portage Lake Lift Bridge dedication is being held Friday, July 17 at 10:00 am at Bridgeview Park
- Bridgefest – City of Hancock is hosting an Engineering Camp at Porvoo Park from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in conjunction with SYP and Mind Trekkers. Hancock Rotary will be hosting Hot Dog sales for a fundraiser for the Hancock Dog Park.
- Summer Events calendar preview – movies, concerts, Tori and Farmers Market, Canal Run, Chain Drive
- Key Ingredients – Committee formed, logo reviewed, restaurant engagement by committee with follow-up meeting on May 9 at Council Chambers, musicians scheduled, budget developed to date.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1) Motion was made by Member Zutter and seconded by Member Frantti to approve Part 2 of the Hancock Beautification budget request in the amount of \$3000.

Aye: All

No: None

Motion

Carried

2) Motion made by Member Zutter and seconded by Member Blau to authorize beginning negotiations for property acquisition at 222/224 Quincy Street.

Aye: All

No: None

Motion Carried

3) Motion 3 to consider approval of 2022-2023 budget is tabled.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:


Motion made by Member Diebel and seconded by Member Frantti to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM

Aye: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted:



Deborah Mann, DDA Coordinator

Date: 5/2/2022