

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, November 6, 2023**

**Regular Meeting:**

Call to order by Chairperson Jon Luse at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Frantti, Lahti, Luse, Ollson, Rickard

Quorum present

Absent: None

Welcomed new DDA Committee Member Steph Olsson.

Shelley Lucchesi and Carol Freeman from the Hancock Business Association (HBA) presented their plans for the 2023 Annual Christmas Walk in downtown Hancock. They also informed the DDA that they increased membership in the HBA from 32 to 50 members through membership drives in 2023.

Motion by Member Rickard and supported by Member Blau to approve the agenda.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:** None

Motion by Member Fiala and supported by Member Franti to approve the minutes of October 2, 2023.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Updates/Information**

- **Pumpkin Races:** Keweenaw CAPE had a successful event and are looking forward to expanding it next year.
- **Coffee with a Cop and Firefighter:** October is Fire Prevention Month and the Hancock PD included the Hancock FD at their event at Nisu Bakery and Café.
- **Make a Difference Day:** Over 50 MTU “Husky Helpers” were in the City of Hancock “Making a Difference” cleaning up several city parks and residential areas.
- **Annual Christmas Walk:** The City of Hancock and DPW are decorating Quincy St.
- **Navy Street Road/Walking Path:** \$1.6 M for paved one way road (east to west) and the City Manager will keep the DDA updated.
- **224 Quincy Street:** Blight Elimination w/ tear down and asbestos removal -- Grant is Due December 8<sup>th</sup>

- **Finlandia Buildings:** Process underway for purchase of Mannerheim, Nikander, and Wargelin Halls (MDARD Grant submitted for reuse).
- **HBA:** Name updated to Hancock Business Association and logo redesigned.
- **Business + Technology Park:** 99.9% complete and are now accepting tenants.

**New Business**

1. Motion by Member Lahti and supported by Member Blau to approve a total of \$40,000 to pay for extra labor and equipment for snow removal on Quincy Street.

Yes: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Frantti, Lahti, Luse, Ollson, Rickard  
 No: None  
 Motion Carried

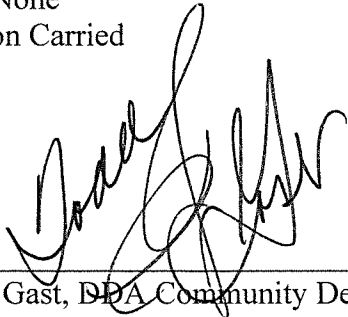
2. Motion by Member Diebel and supported by Member Fiala to approve the amended 2023-24 budget with revenue of \$455,081.00 and expenditures of \$431,406.66.

Yes: Blau, Diebel, Fiala, Frantti, Lahti, Luse, Ollson, Rickard  
 No: None  
 Motion Carried

**Public Comment:** Glenn Bugni requested that an independent engineering safety study be done on the property near the Navy Street Project.

Motion by Member Fiala and supported by Member Blau to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Yes: All  
 No: None  
 Motion Carried




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Todd Gast, DDA Community Development