

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009
12:15 P.M.

Chairman Jim Gibula called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. Members present included: Roger Zanon, Alfred Perlongo Terry Tarsi, Ed Lindwall, and Ralph Commenator. Absent: Bob Busakowski, Mark Saigh, and Nancy Johnson.

Agenda was approved with one addition: New Business: (c Veteran's Council on motion by Terry Tarsi, supported by Ed Lindwall. All in favor; motion carried.

Minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting were approved with one correction. The Washington Avenue Streetscape \$100,000 match will be from TIF over 2 fiscal years. Moved by Terry Tarsi, support by Roger Zanon. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS:

Streetscape: It was moved to ratify the poll vote taken regarding the support of the Washington Ave project. Moved by Ed Lindwall with support by Roger Zanon. Al Perlongo, yes; Terry Tarsi, yes; Ed Lindwall, yes; Roger Zanon, yes; Ralph Commenator, yes; Jim Gibula, yes. Saigh, Johnson, Busakowski absent. The poll vote is attached to these minutes.

Craig Richardson advised the city available funds are Federal Funds and are ineligible to be used towards an enhancement design, also Federal Funds. The project is temporarily on hold until the financing is figured out.

Craig Richardson and John Archocosky met with MDOT and asked MDOT to review our applications regarding the US-2-M189 project. This is still in the future of approximately 5 years.

Rental Rehab: It has been decided the DDA will wait until spring to apply for the next grant.

Central School: The well testing has come back clean and allows the next stage of asbestos and lead paint to go forward. Specs and bidding are going forward at an approximate cost of \$250,000. It was noted that \$140,000 of the \$700,000 loan has been spent to date.

Ron Basso reported the DEQ should be signing off on the project in the next few weeks. SHIPO has signed off on the auditorium area and it will be filled in.

Middle School: Gary Pisoni from the WIC School Board was present and gave a history of the school closing and plans for the building. He stated they have commitments from surrounding entities to form an Authority for the Building and some commitments for financial support. The DDA has been involved in the support of the building from the

onset and will review the dollar amount of commitment when presented with figures and definite plans from the school

FINANCIALS:

The June, 2009 Financial Report, after discussion, was approved on motion by Ralph Commenator with support by Roger Zanon. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Petrucelli landscape request – Trico Petunia Plantings, 2010: Robert Rafferty was present with the request from Petrucelli to take over the bed in front of their office. Trico will maintain the weeds, etc, the balance of this year and Robert will report at the next meeting what the Petrucelli office wants in the future.

The Petunia planting for next year was discussed at length with one option to incorporate the Petunias with the perennials and the Golden K will maintain the watering. Also discussed was the replacement of a tree in front of city hall. Rafferty will attend the August meeting with a report concerning the Petunia planting and ideas for the tree replacement

Veteran's Monument: Al Perlongo reported the Veteran's Council would like to repair brick pavers and construct a retaining wall to divert water runoff. After discussion, it was asked to check into the Streetscape design and a financial decision would be made at a later meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Disc Golf Course: Julie Melchiori gave an update on the golf course and presented pictures of 3 plans for the course. She reported it is at Stage 3 of the plan which is to stake out holes and that the approximate cost of the course will be \$15,000.

COMMENTS:

Julie Melchiori thanked the Board for their support with the success of the Rum Rebellion.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 1:20 p.m. by Ralph Commenator with support by Ed Lindwall.

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