

Downtown Development Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm
Due to Covid-19, this meeting was held via Zoom pro webinar

Called to order 6:30 pm

Present: Chair-Simpson, Members-Scram, Petersen, Brubaker, Ray, Lancaster, Janisse, Wittbrodt, Quinn, Caddy

Also present: Village Manager, William Cooper

Citizens present: 11

Conflict of Interest: None

Consent Calendar: Motion to accept consent calendar by Lancaster, second by Brubaker-unanimous ayes, nays-none. Motion carried

Public Comments: None

Treasurers Report: In packet- no discussion

Three Part COVID Recovery Plan: Simpson, Quinn and Brubaker presented their progress on the plans. Additional items mentioned that were not in the plan documents included a reminder for the members regarding the Patronicity site which has to date received 11K and that the grant subcommittee who will review the grant applications includes-Simpson, Lancaster, Scram, Ray and Tom Stephenson

Unfinished Business: TC to Charlevoix trail-no new report

Elk Rapids/Suttons Bay Ferry-no new report

Elk Rapids Internet-presentation at meeting

Trail Town-on hold

Holiday Decorations-potential new member

names will be sent by William Cooper to Wittbrodt

New Business:

Approval of Expenses: Motion to approve \$2,878.50 for safety supplies by Brubaker, second by Lancaster.

Roll call vote: unanimous ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

Motion to approve \$15,655 for signage and communication for the recovery plan by Petersen, second by Quinn.

Roll call vote: unanimous ayes, no nays. Motion carried

Motion to hire a part-time Admin not to exceed 2k per year made by Petersen, second by Brubaker.

Roll call vote: unanimous ayes, no nays, Motion Carried

Motion to hire a part-time Director to assist with The River Street plan and assist implementation and tracking of the Strategic Plans/Goals not to exceed 7k made by Ray, second by Petersen.

Roll call vote: unanimous ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

Presentation on Short Term Rentals:

Kathy Wittbrodt gave her presentation. Karen Simpson asked each member for comments. All agreed that DDA should have input into the STR discussions. There was one Citizen comment in support of STRs.

Next meeting: June 10, 6:30pm, place TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:30