

Cheboygan Main Street DDA Regular Meeting – August 3rd, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by chairperson Eric Villanueva.

Roll Call

Present: Costin, Khan-King, Stempky, Weir, Crongeyer, Mallory, Eckhart, Villanueva

Absent: Tebo, Schneider

Consent Agenda

Motion by Costin, seconded by Eckhart, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Consideration to approve a resolution authorizing Interim Director Katie Duczkowski to sign a quit claim deed conveying land north of the brick wall at Festival Square, as described by a surveyor, to Cheboygan 409 Main LLC.

Motion by Eckhart, seconded by Crongeyer to approve a resolution to authorize Interim DDA Director Katie Duczkowski to sign quit claim deed to convey land north of the brick wall at Festival Square, as described by a surveyor, to Cheboygan 409 LLC. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration to recommend a redevelopment liquor license for Dionysus 2020 LLC, located at 225 N Main St.

Motion by Eckhart, seconded by Weir to recommend a redevelopment liquor license for Dionysus 2020 LLC, located at 225 N Main St. Motion passed unanimously.

- Susan Blum, owner of 225 N Main, made a presentation explaining her plans for the property.

DDA TIF and Development Plan Update – Paul Lippens

Paul Lippens from McKenna provided a high-level overview of the draft DDA TIF and Development Plan. Review of plan including but not limited to discussion on:

- Formation of a Development Area Citizens Committee
- Summary of mileages
- Review of editorial corrections
- Recognition that this is a broad scope document
- Suggestion that edits and changes should be discussed at a board workshop and submitted to Paul Lippens to update plan.

Treasurer's Report

Bobie Crongeyer referenced monthly reports provided by Clerk/Treasurer Bridget Brown and noted account balances

Committee Updates

Outreach Committee - Bobie Crongeyer

- Work continues on the Holiday Catalog
- Merchandise sales are going very well

Placemaking Committee – Christy Stempky

- Recognition of volunteers
- Further downtown tree care is being developed for the fall

Events Committee - Brandon Weir

- Downtown Thursday going well, more traffic on Thursday evenings downtown
- Fall and winter events in the works

Business Development Committee

- Committee Chair Polly Schneider was not available for an update

TIF Renewal Committee-Crongeyer/Duczowski

- Katie Duczowski reported that there were no updates in addition to the information presented by Paul Lippens.

City Council Report – Councilman Brett Mallory

- Noted a transition period with the new City Manager
- Discussion about more Coast Guard Events
- East Lincoln approval of site plan for marijuana facility
- Purchase of a new police vehicle
- August 10th public hearing on 225 Main and Block CBDG Façade Grant
- Presque Isle Gas and Electric intend to support expansion of broadband

City Manager's Report

City Manager Dan Sabolsky was not in attendance

Public Comments

- Patricia Gildner presented on behalf of Art Vision. The fish bench along the riverfront in Major City Park, quilt squares at Festival Square, butterfly bench at the Children's Trail, and installation of the URN-E sculpture at Washington Park were highlighted as projects recently completed or scheduled to be completed by the end of August.
- Trudy Lofgren asked about upcoming plans of the Main Street DDA to spend down money.
- Katie Duczowski responded that the purpose of the work taking place to update the DDA/TIF plan is to show future projects of the DDA and how TIF funds will be allocated.

Board Member Comments

- Christy Stempky noted there are three positions available on Parks and Rec Committee

- Katie Duczkowski reported that waterproofing of the elevator pits at the footbridge has been completed. Volunteers are needed to clean the lobbies in preparation for reopening of the elevators.
- John Costin requested greater attendance of Mayor and City Manager

Adjournment

Motion by Eckhart, seconded by Costin to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

Chairperson Eric Villanueva