

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

January 21, 2010

Present – Chair Feigley, Vice-Chair Dierkes, Board members Armstrong, Heyn, Horsley, Kilpatrick, Nichols, Niebauer, Rivera, Rusas, Weinbaum

Excused – Board member Tyler

Absent – Board member Lamb

Also present – DDA Director Barnette, Village Manager Shufflebarger

Approval of Minutes:

Tyler moved, Kilpatrick seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 17, 2009 as presented. Motion **Carried**.

Executive Session

Brian Nettlingham of Madden and Hauser here for Executive Session. Nichols moved, Kilpatrick seconded, to move into Executive Session at 7:35 a.m. to discuss real estate purchase. Roll call vote: Ayes, Chair Feigley, Vice-Chair Dierkes, Board members Armstrong, Heyn, Horsley, Niebauer, Rivera, Rusas, Weinbaum. Excused Board member Tyler. Absent Board member Lamb. Motion **Carried**. Nichols moved, Weinbaum seconded, to close the Executive Session and return to the regular DDA meeting at 8:05 a.m. Motion **Carried**.

No action taken.

Treasurer's Report:

Dierkes moved, Weinbaum seconded, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion **Carried**. The real estate purchase can be "bundled" within the village bond issue. When we close on it, no one will be living in it.

Call to the Public:

Mr. Nettlingham, Madden and Hauser.

Unfinished Business:

1. Marketing.

Franco did marketing for Christmas Open House, Village Toy Shoppe, Your Nesting Place. They are talking to merchants about Valentine promotions.

Friday Night Live's budget is \$4,000. The restaurants are benefiting from those evenings, but the merchants should stay open for that.

Council did discuss an additional tax for advertising, but have no interest in doing that at this time. We will have other millages to consider this summer, one for roads and one for police.

Business Database report. This is a work in progress, but not complete. The calendar for this year is completed.

2. Liquor Licenses

Council introduced the amendment Tuesday night. It will be voted on at the next meeting. The committee consists of two members from DDA, two from Council and two from Planning Commission.

3. Kroger Proposal

Planning Commission did reconsider the proposal. They have now recommended approval of the conditional rezoning of the property for a gas station. It will come to Council at their February 16 meeting.

New Business:

1. Budget Discussions

Discussed the proposed budget information.

Board approves of agendas being sent electronically.

2. Brainstorming Session: Future Projects

Capital Outlay Projects.

Discussed some projects and costs the DDA should/can consider if grant money becomes available.

Liberty Street underpass is about one million dollars.

The bike path connection from Peters Road to downtown.

Cleaning up downtown, planting flowers, maintaining what we have.

A pedestrian crosswalk across the railroad tracks; a path that is easier to navigate.

Get the DDA some good public relations. Talk to Franco to promote the DDA and some of the things the DDA has done and how the TIF works.

Talk to builders and developers outside the area to come to Milford

Schedule a brainstorming session separate from our regular meeting to discuss some of the proposed ideas.

3. Support Skateboard Park Grant Application.

Armstrong moved, Kilpatrick seconded, to write a letter of support for the grant application they are writing for the skateboard park in the current location on General Motors Road. Motion **Carried**.

Director's Report:

Nothing today

Upcoming Events:

Board member Comments:

Mr. Nichols had someone in his office who had not been here for 15 years and they were impressed.

Mr. Armstrong said retailers he spoke to had good November and December business.

Mr. Shufflebarger said Council is discussing the impending budget.

Mr. Horsley said the Clothing Cove had a good fall, and December was equal to their best.

Ms. Kilpatrick reminded people to shop local.

Mr. Niebauer said the business mood is changing for the better.

Ms. Barnette was in Brighton for dinner and had someone tell her Milford looks good.

Ms. Kilpatrick suggested Franco set up a Facebook page asking for Milford testimonials.

She also asked to have Franco talk about what the DDA does and has accomplished.

Adjourn:

Rivera moved, Nichols seconded, to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Motion **Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Motley, Recording Secretary