

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

March 19, 2009

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

Excused – Board member Horsley, Nader, Tyler

Also present – DDA Director Barnette, Village Manager Shufflebarger

Ms. Barnette asked any board member who will not be attending the meeting to notify her.

Approval of Minutes:

(Minutes of the January 15, 2009 need to be approved.)

Treasurer's Report:

Dierkes moved, Lamb seconded, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion **Carried**.

Unfinished Business:

1. Milford Trail

Mr. Shufflebarger said our portion has been surveyed; paving should be done mid-May.

Ms. Barnette talked about the DDA or the Village extending the bike path to Main Street along either Commerce Road or on Liberty Street.

The date for the ground breaking is to be determined; would like to have it at the Y.

2. Wayfinding.

Village Entrance Signs. Please read and get back to Mr. Feigley with any comments.

3. Marketing.

Ms. Barnette showed the Meet Me in Milford website design and its detail. It is still under construction, but impressive.

Public Relations Update. Franco continues to do a great job of promoting Milford and its businesses.

4. Liberty Street Underpass Project.

Waiting for CSX to respond to the preliminary engineering study. Have a quote for \$1,500 for Wade Trim to write a grant request.

5. Downtown Sound System. Nothing today.

6. Budget 2009/2010.

Ms. Barnette reviewed the proposed budget.

Weinbaum moved, Lamb seconded, to accept the 2009/2010 budget as presented. Motion **Carried**.

Lamb moved, Armstrong seconded, to suspend the agenda to move into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Purchase. Roll Call Vote: Yes, Chair Feigley, Vice-Chair Dierkes, Board members Heyn, Kilpatrick, Nichols, Niebauer, Rivera, Weinbaum. Motion **Carried**.

Armstrong moved, Nichols seconded, to return to the regular DDA meeting agenda. Motion **Carried**.

Armstrong moved, Nichols seconded, to proceed along the lines discussed in the Executive Session. Motion **Carried**.

7. Criterium.

Franco is also promoting this. The CRIT will be August 22, 2009.

8. Motley Memorial Lights Project/Center Street Park.

The brochure was very well done.

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New Business:

Nothing today.

Director's Report:

Ms. Barnette said the Michigan Downtown Association has put her in charge of hiring a new Executive Director. She will be taking control of the organization for a 4 to 6 week period. We will temporarily house the phone and email until one is hired.

O'Callaghan's is closed. Discussed the Borlace lease.

Uptown Threads has moved where Backyard Birds was.

A quilt store is open in the Goodie 2 Shoes store.

A green store is opening where Tula's was.

A knitting store is in Tom Callan's complex.

Edward Jones has moved to offices just north of Hector & Jimmy's; 800 North Milford Rd.

Distinctive Interiors has moved to the lower space on Commerce west of Main St.

Upcoming Events:

Huron Valley Taste & Business Expo – March 28

Board member Comments:

Ms. Lamb said the overhead pots have been taken for planting.

Adjourn:

Dierkes moved, Nichols seconded to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. Motion **Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Motley, Recording Secretary