

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

May 20, 2010

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

Excused – Board member Horsley, Rivera, Weinbaum

Also present – DDA Director Barnette, Village Manager Shufflebarger, and Architect Grissim

Approval of Minutes:

Niebauer moved, Kilpatrick seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 29, 2010 as corrected. Motion **Carried**.

Treasurer's Report:

Board member Nichols moved, Kilpatrick seconded, to accept the Treasurer's Report a presented. Motion **Carried**.

Call to the Public:

Unfinished Business:

1. Marketing.

The report from Franco was accepted; Rottermonds gave compliments to Franco and the DDA for the work they are doing.

There are 300 businesses in the DDA District.

The Oakland Press is doing a video with things to do in downtowns. It would be free to us. This should include enjoying downtowns, green areas, quality of life issues and clips of our events.

New Business:

1. Motley Lights.

Have had the preconstruction meeting, the product has been ordered with two to four week delivery. Advance Concrete Products is donating the foundation for the poles. Discussed the successful garage sale.

Discussed moving the speakers currently mounted on the poles at Center Street Park and replacing them to the east side of the street.

2. Proposal for Bike Trail Extension.

Survey work and pre-engineering need to be done for the extension. Will talk to Franco to do some positive promotion for the extension which is the last link from the bike path to downtown. The bike trail extension will be on the June 7 Council meeting agenda. Will talk to Joe Dolan and ask him to attend.

3. Southside improvements.

Mr. Grissim did a design keeping the existing pear trees. The brick is failing. The irrigation system needs to be improved. Will get estimates on the total and per section/owner.

4. Downtown Map.

The old map is being updated. The bike trail will be included.

Director's Report:

Discussed business recruitment and vacancies in the downtown area. How can we promote Milford and what makes us better than other communities. Would like vacancy information sent to commercial brokers.

Upcoming Events:

Friday Night Live is the first Friday of each month.

Memorial Day Parade is May 31

The Farmers Market has started every Thursday.

Board member Comments:

Mr. Nichols talked about the 30K Labor Day Race

Ms. Kilpatrick said she will be stepping down at the end of her term.

Ms. Lamb said the tree beds will be done after the Memorial Day Parade.

Ms. Tyler reminded board to support the merchants and to shop downtown.

The Milford Beauties have \$7,400 and are proposing to build the north entrance welcome sign. The total cost is about \$10,000. Lamb moved Niebauer seconded to commit up to \$2,600 DDA funds to complete the north entrance sign. Motion **Carried**.

Adjourn:

Kilpatrick moved, Tyler seconded, to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. Motion **Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Motley, Recording Secretary