

## DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

June 17, 2010

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

Excused – Board member Rivera

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

### Approval of Minutes:

Lamb moved, Nichols seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2010. Motion **Carried**.

### Treasurer's Report:

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

### Call to the Public:

Resident Barbara Clark asked if our meeting was a public meeting; and if it was posted as such.

The agenda was changed to discuss Bike Trail Extension under New Business:

Residents expressed their objections to the Bike Trail Extension along Commerce Road.

Ms. Barnette explained how the DDA works and the reasons to bring the bike trail to the downtown area.

Discussed other possible paths to get to downtown. Discussed using the north side of Commerce Road.

Discussed who would be using the bike path; would not be the fast bikers who use the roads.

Mr. Shufflebarger added the bike path will eventually link to Highland Rec.

### Unfinished Business:

#### 1. Marketing.

The report from Franco was accepted.

Discussed how good the video of downtown is with our star Ms. Kilpatrick. Thank you very much Colleen!

### New Business:

#### 1. TRW Review.

Nothing today

#### 2. Motley Lights.

Will be starting this week. The existing poles and the light will be moved to the crosswalk at the Mill Valley area.

#### 3. Proposal for Bike Trail Extension.

Board member Weinbaum moved, Tyler seconded, to postpone letting the contract with Mr. Grissim until our next meeting.

Ms. Rusas reminded DDA that Council will hear again the concerns about the proposed extension from all the citizens on Commerce Road.

Discussed all possibilities for getting people to the downtown area. Including crossing to the north side and then back to the south side at Oak Street.

Other possibilities include the expensive Liberty Street underpass; or an 8 ft. underpass on the north side of Commerce Rd.

Ms. Dierkes said it is not politically or economically the right time to do this project. Dierkes moved, Nichols seconded, to cancel consideration of the current Commerce Road bike path project in its current form and research other options for extending the bike path into the downtown area. Motion **Carried**

4. Southside improvements.  
Nothing new.

Director's Report:

Dave Borlace is applying for a liquor license transfer; he will put it in escrow until he has a business to move into his building where O'Callahans was. This license will be owned by an individual, not an address.

The Kroger Environmental Agreement with the village will go before Council at their July 6 meeting. Planning Commission did approve the agreement.

The Milford Beauties will fund the welcome sign at the north end of the village. Total cost is \$9,404. The DDA contribution would be up to \$2,600. Weinbaum moved, Tyler seconded, to approve the contract, with the DDA funding only up to \$2,600. Motion **Carried**.

Upcoming Events:

The Farmers Market is every Thursday. We have been asked to co-sponsor some bags; cost is \$150.

Friday Night Live is tomorrow night.

Music is in Central Park every Thursday.

The Garden Walk is Saturday.

Motley Lights dedication will be Friday July 16.

The Grub Crawl, a fund raiser for the Diversity Council is Friday at 4 p.m., cost is \$35.

DSO is coming to Kensington Park June 25<sup>th</sup>, 8 p.m.

4<sup>th</sup> of July parade is July 3.

Board member Comments:

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**.

Mr. Feigley reminded board that this is Ms. Kilpatrick's last meeting and thanked for all her hard work. She is most welcome to come back any time she would like to.

Mr. Feigley also reminded board that election of officers is next meeting. He said the existing officers are willing to continue to service unless someone else wants the offices. Mr. Weinbaum said he is very busy and if someone is interested in the secretary's position he would appreciate it.

Mr. Heyn said we could probably garner more support for the bike path extension if we wish to pursue it.

Discussed demo of the home; will wait for TRW decision; the furnace has been donated to Community Sharing; the Mary Jackson house has the water heater.

The flowers downtown are beautiful.

Sparks in the Park is June 26.

Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Motley, Recording Secretary