

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

July 21, 2011

Present – Chair Feigley, Board members Lamb, Nichols, Niebauer

Excused – Board member Heyn, Horsley, Rivera, Weinbaum

Absent – Vice-Chair Dierkes, Board member Armstrong, Goodnough, Rusas George,

Also present – DDA Director Barnette, John Grissim and Nancy Scott

A quorum was not present; continued as a work session.

Approval of Minutes:

Treasurer's Report:

A Treasurer's Report is not usually available for July; it is the year-end.

Call to the Public:

Unfinished Business:

1. DIA Installation

Ms. Barnette met with people from the DIA to discuss possible locations. All art will be outside, either free standing or attached to buildings.

We will get 7 paintings which will be here early September to early December.

If we want to do an art walk, they would supply docents. Ms. Barnette will talk to HVCA and the VFAA to see if they are interested.

2. Marketing

Franco covered the Civil War events, the outdoor concerts in Central Park, the Garden Walks, and the Sharrows.

Have secured an agreement for the cooperative ad campaign with the MBA. There will be 10 ads with the Milford Times between now and October.

Sidewalk Sales were not as good as some years. Clothing Cove and Nesting Place did not have anything outside.

The Sharrows are down; there are still vertical signs to be installed to share the road. Have not heard too many criticisms.

Southside Improvements Update. All the owners will participate in the cost. Two bids received in time were way over budget. Will bid it out again as three sub contracts; demo and concrete, landscape and irrigation, and fencing and bike racks. Hope for a September completion after the car show.

John's List Update. Mr. Grissim and the Dimitri's group repair the gazebo in Center Street Park. A group has volunteered to paint it. Also will paint the wrought iron work all through town.

Mr. Grissim will work on the bird houses down by the river; they are falling apart. He will have to take them down, and will have to replace the posts as well. The village will reinstall them.

Ms. Lamb is doing the flower beds downtown. The irrigation system has been improved.

New Business:

1. Report on Tax Tribunal Cases.

Received a bill from Milford Township for the legal costs for negotiation that. Ms. Barnette is writing a letter thanking them for doing a good job as our assessor. We had been asked for our opinion but not informed we were incurring legal costs or what those costs would be. We are not the only taxing jurisdiction that was affected by the taxable values being negotiated. She included a matrix showing the DDA portion of the tax and everybody else's portion of the tax. Our portion would be 25% of the total; she will send a check for that amount. We are the only ones being billed.

Director's Report:

Restaurant update: Uptown Grill is coming to O'Callahan's and will be called Downtown Grill

Ruggles Café is moving to the Stucchi's space

America's is buying Fortza; will be an additional operation

Milford Auto is considering moving to the Gazebo property which is zoned industrial.

The Beading Friendly moved downtown.

The Plum Door, in the stone building, is putting furniture outside. They are now selling lemonade and iced tea which makes them legal as long as they do not have too many pieces out there.

On August 1, Village Council will be doing a resolution of support for Ms. Tyler who is not renewing for the DDA. Mr. Nichols will handle something from the DDA.

We are working on artwork for Milford Memories.

The flowers downtown in the tree beds are beautiful. Perennials are maturing, and the irrigation is working well. The hanging baskets are not doing as well; they are stressed. Ms. Lamb will trim them a bit.

Upcoming Events

Concerts are in Central Park every Thursday.

Farmer's Market is every Thursday at Liberty and Main.

Board member Comments:

Mr. Feigley asked about the community garden over by Pet Supply Co

Mr. Nichols asked if bikes, skateboards and roller blades are prohibited downtown.

Ms. Lamb said the railroad is repairing the railroad abutment on Commerce Road. Expensive project!

Adjourn:

The work session adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Motley, Recording Secretary