

## DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

August 19, 2010

Present – Chair Feigley, Vice-Chair Dierkes Board members Armstrong, Heyn, Lamb, Niebauer, Rivera, Tyler

Excused – Board members Nichols, Rusas, Weinbaum

Absent – Board members Armstrong, Horsley

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

Discussed Milford Memories; the heat; the number of people. Discussed the street being open for traffic to get in to Dr. Clark and Klancy's. The owner of Klancy's was happy with her business.

Ms. Lamb discussed her visit to Milford Auto re landscaping and the mulch in front of his fence.

### Approval of Minutes:

Lamb moved, Tyler seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 15, 2010 as amended.

Motion **Carried**.

### Treasurer's Report:

This is the year end; Ms. Barnette provided general information.

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

### Call to the Public:

Garrett Steele discussed the Strategic Edge report on the DDA website. He would be willing to update it for \$50. He is an appraiser by trade.

The Strategic Edge report was done in 2002.

Ms. Barnette will develop the information needed for the next DDA meeting.

Board member Tyler asked to consider adding Central Park to the way finding signs.

### Unfinished Business:

#### 1. Marketing.

Franco is meeting with the downtown merchants next Tuesday to explain what Franco does, how they work, and to do some brainstorming for the upcoming holiday shopping.

Ms. Dierkes asked if we have a link to the downtown video. She also talked about "flip videos" which can be uploaded on to the web.

#### 2. Dave Borlace has redone his Irish pub; he has been approved for a liquor license; he is adding on to the deck; he has redone the kitchen and the bar. He is now ready to find a business to move in to the property.

Is that something we can do to have other empty spots ready?

### New Business:

#### 1. TRW Review.

The DNRE sent a review letter listing the same three things they have talked about for years:

- 1 they want a delineation of the hotspots on the site
- 2 they don't agree with what areas are leaching into the ground water
- 3 they need a more specific time line from TRW to develop a financial assurance that they will complete the RAP

Mr. Wackerman said to not ask for legislative help. The DNRE is trying to get as much as they can. TRW is trying to get away with the least amount they have to do. This process usually works well.

The DNRE is working hard on our behalf to get clean groundwater.

2. Motley Lights.

Provided the final cost analyses. Ms. Barnette said the cost of just two banner poles would have been \$10,000.

3. Bike Trail Extension.

Ms. Barnette is doing a presentation to Council on September 7 regarding the sharrows. Ann Arbor, South Haven and Flint are already doing these. This will be on roads with speed limits less than 35 mph.

4. Grissim Hedge Proposal.

Mr. Grissim talked about doing the property at the corner of Main and Liberty, including removal of concrete and a portion of the sidewalk. It would also include 47 Junipers. The project would be in the R.O.W. It would still leave a 5-1/2 foot walkway in the most narrow part.

This would come from the Capital Improvement line item. We have done three beautifications projects this year: tree planting on Commerce Rd.; replaced the rose bushes at the Mill Pond; the village entrance signs; and the Motley Lights Project.

Ms. Lamb is concerned about the water system being inadequate.

Mr. Heyn and Mr. Grissim will try to talk to Tony Ray; perhaps he would help with expense.

Director's Report:

1. Downtown Map. Nancy is updating the map; it is pretty close to being done.
2. Ordinance amendment. Ms. Barnette is doing an amendment to allow downtown bike rentals because it is not allowed at this time.
3. Criterium. The CRIT was not very well attended. Had lots of bikers, not many spectators.
4. Outdoor Dining

There are three applications for extended dining: The Bar, Fortza and Dave Borlace' request for seating for 45.

Upcoming Events:

Home Tour is September 18; the car show is September 19.

Ladies Night Out is October 7

The HVCA is doing a Gallery/Studio tour on November 6

Board member Comments:

Ms. Dierkes said Ms. Rivera's window is very good.

Mf. Heyn said Farmer Jack's may be terminating their lease, at this store and others.

Ms. Tyler said the landscaping is beautiful at Mill Valley.

Ms. Tyler said to shop locally.

Mr. Feigley said Mill Valley tenants should be using Franco.

Mr. Feigley wants to prioritize projects.

Ms. Lamb talked about two missing flower pots which were reported. Anything on them?

Asked about Attorney Tom Connelly; passing along prayers for his recovery.

Adjourn:

Lamb moved, Niebauer seconded, to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Motion **Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Motley, Recording Secretary