

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

November 18, 2010

Present – Chair Feigley, Vice-Chair Dierkes, Board members Goodnough, Heyn, Horsley, Lamb, Nichols, Rivera, Rusas, Weinbaum

Excused –Board member Armstrong, Niebauer, Tyler

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

Chair Feigley welcomed new Board Member Aaron Goodnough from For Feet's Sake

Approval of Minutes:

Lamb moved, Nichols seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2010 as presented. Motion **Carried**.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Call to the Public:

Nothing today

Unfinished Business:

1. Marketing.

Franco is working hard for our DDA. Had an article about Ms. Tyler and friends kayak, lunch, bike and cocktail afternoon in the Detroit Free Press.

Discussed Thursdays Unwrapped, the DDA involvement and all the activities the MBA is doing until Christmas. One of the big things will be "Dinner's on Us", where the tab will be picked up by local merchants contributions every Thursday before Christmas.

Director's Report:

The stone church is at Planning Commission for inclusion into the special parking district for a banquet facility. Worked on an agreement with them for parking.

Milford Trail signage is up directing people on the trail to the downtown district.

Want outdoor storage for the new bike business.

Sandwich board signs are allowed in the downtown district. The ordinance as written allows signs within a foot of the door. Four places in the downtown overlay district do not qualify for that requirement. Included are Mill Valley, Main Street court where Bangkok City is located, Sweet and Savory and the Agnew building. The owners of the Agnew building are going to ZBA to ask for a monument sign not allowed in the district. Ms. Barnette is asking if the DDA would approve of this change. She will bring some language to our next DDA meeting for our review.

The senate passed a bill allowing alcohol sales on Sunday before noon; a fee is required to sell between seven a.m. and noon.

The knitting shop is moving to the Borlace building behind the top shop.

A deli will be occupying Cosmos in the Mill Valley building.

DiMaro At Home, selling French kitchen equipment, will be going in where Siever Title was.

Cobby Goose, a ceramic shop, is in the lower level of Mill Valley.

An auto repair is going in where the muffler shop was.

A new shop is going in the blacksmith building, they make rustic furniture.

A salon is going into the old deli.

The Source has gone out.

A grooming shop is going in where the pet supply was.

Celestial Derma Spa is going in the lower level of Mill Valley.

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Upcoming Events:

Thursdays Unwrapped, every Thursday before Christmas.

December 4 is the Chamber of Commerce dinner dance.

A 5-K, the Gobbler Gallop, is being held before the Christmas Parade.

Board member Comments:

Ms. Lamb said the new Kroger is wonderful. Waiting for the gas station.

Ms. Dierkes went to Forza's, the sports bar; the food was good and reasonably priced.

Mr. Shufflebarger said his daughter job-shadowed with Ms. Rivera. It was a great experience.

Mr. Feigley said we need an updated board roster.

Adjourn:

Rivera moved, Horsley seconded, to adjourn at 8:35 a.m. Motion **Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Motley, Recording Secretary