

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

December 17, 2009

Present – Chair Feigley, Board members Armstrong, Heyn, Horsley, Kilpatrick, Nichols, Niebauer, Rivera, Rusas, Tyler

Excused – Vice-Chair Dierkes, Board member Lamb, Weinbaum

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

Approval of Minutes:

Tyler moved, Kilpatrick seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2009 as presented. Motion **Carried**.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Cost of trimming the trees downtown was split between the DPA and Maxon's Tree Service. Ms. Lamb was there to supervise.

Call to the Public:

Gary Goodenow

John Grissim discussed possible improvements to the south side corner. Will discuss with our budget review.

Unfinished Business:

1. Marketing.

Franco has articles in the Oakland Press and the Detroit News.

They also did a contest in Facebook with our local businesses. It has worked well. Ms. Barnette suggested we look at the Facebook page.

Discussed the Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks" program; it is successful.

Ms. Barnette would like to get the promotions committee working on ways for merchant participation.

Business Database report. Phyllis is updating the calendar for the MeetMeInMilford website.

2. Liquor Licenses

Council has reviewed the language of the proposed Review Board. Mr. Connelly is reviewing it now.

3. Kroger Proposal

Sent a letter to Planning Commission asking that they reconsider their denial of the Prospect Hills special use zoning for a proposed fueling station. A public hearing will be held on January 14.

The Wellhead Protection Area goes from Rowe Road to the Huron River, in Central Park.

Director's Report:

Stucchi's has closed.

Wind River Gallery moved from the Village Center Mall across the street into the mini-mall.

Ms. Barnette would like to support the sign variance at ZBA next month. Mill Valley is putting up a new sign that needs a variance because it is a sign for all the businesses in the lower level.

Mr. Grissim mentioned the new bakery needs better signage at their location.

Nothing for the Deli either.

New Business:

Nothing today.

Upcoming Events:

January 11 is the joint boards and commissions meeting at 7 p.m. in the village offices.

Board member Comments:

Ms. Tyler reminded everybody to shop locally.

Chamber is doing Coffee Club at The Source on Main Street at 8 a.m. on Friday, December 18.

Ms. Tyler also said downtown businesses should support each other as well.

And DDA members should introduce themselves to local businesses.

Merry Christmas to everybody.

Mr. Shufflebarger said Council is meeting on the 13th to discuss the budget. Things are very tight this year, and will be tighter in the next few years.

Ms. Rivera will be taking over the entire space she is in.

Executive Session:

Armstrong moved, Tyler seconded, to move into Executive Session to discuss real estate purchase. Roll Call Vote: Ayes, Chair Feigley, Board members Armstrong, Heyn, Horsley, Kilpatrick, Nichols, Niebauer, Rivera, Rusas, Tyler. Excused: Vice-Chair Dierkes, Board members Lamb, and Weinbaum.

Motion Carried

Tyler moved, Kilpatrick seconded, to close the Executive Session and return to the regular DDA meeting. **Motion Carried.**

No action taken.

Adjourn:

Nichols moved, Kilpatrick seconded, to adjourn at 8:56 a.m. **Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Motley, Recording Secretary