

City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority
June 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The Ionia Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:00AM by Chairperson Kirgis.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll call revealed the following DDA Board of Directors present: Dave Cook, Paul Edds, City Manager Precia Garland, Mike Kirgis, John Krueger, Heather Poland-Sizemore, Ben Weller, and Ryan Wilson. Also in attendance: DDA Treasurer Chris Hyzer, Theatre Manager Gary Ferguson, Assistant to the City Manager J. Bowman, and DDA Director Linda Curtis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Assistant to the City Manager Jonathan Bowman presented information on the Parks and Recreation Survey currently underway. A full review of the newly adopted Mobile Food Truck Ordinance was also provided. Correction: Questions were presented to elevate concerns regarding insurance requirements being the same for a street event vendor and / or one carrying a Peddlers License versus required coverage for a property owner.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve the June DDA Agenda with the addition of July DDA Board meeting as a Discussion item by Member D. Cook; seconded by Member Wilson.
MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the May 2023 DDA Board of Directors meeting presented.
Motion to approve the May meeting minutes by Member D. Cook; seconded by Member Garland.
MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT: DDA accounts payable for April 26, 2023 – May 25, 2023 in the amount of \$3,895.37.
Ionia Theatre accounts payable for April 25, 2023 – May 25, 2023 in the amount of \$14,403.26.
City of Ionia Finance Director / DDA Treasurer Hyzer provided an overview of the DDA and Theatre financial statements. Motion to approve the Financial Report by Member D. Cook; seconded by Member Wilson.
MOTION CARRIED.

DDA DIRECTOR REPORT: Report included within DDA Board of Directors meeting document package. DDA received confirmation that each of the submitted Optimize Main Street grants will be awarded – Summit Personal Training and Downtown Vintage.

THEATRE REPORT: Theatre Manager G. Ferguson provided an overview of the summer movie schedule, rentals, and upcoming events.

BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Michigan Wizard of Oz Festival. With the announcement of city of Ionia's Sesquicentennial being hosted within the same time frame as the Festival, a motion to cancel the 2023 Michigan Wizard of Oz Festival presented by Member D. Cook; seconded by Member Wilson.
MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. City of Ionia Sesquicentennial. Plans for a Sesquicentennial Celebration are currently underway. A committee has been created and have been tasked with planning special activities and events to recognize the 150th year anniversary of our city. Details to follow.
2. July DDA Board of Directors meeting. Due to the date of the July DDA Board meeting, discussion was held on whether to host the meeting or cancel accordingly. A motion by Member D. Cook; seconded by Member Edds to cancel the July 2023 DDA Board of Directors meeting. Member Krueger opposed the cancellation of the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.

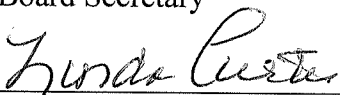
OTHER:

1. City Manager / DDA Board member Garland provided updates on the Riverside / Deerfield property and demolition schedule for the buildings.

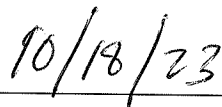
GENERAL ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 8:45AM by Member D. Cook; seconded by Member Wilson.
MOTION CARRIED.




DDA Board Secretary



DDA Recording Secretary



Date



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