

**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: Paul Edds, City Manager Precia Garland, Mike Kirgis, John Krueger, Heather Poland-Sizemore, and Ben Weller. 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:** N/A.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the August DDA Agenda by Member Weller; seconded by Member Krueger.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes from the June 2023 DDA Board of Directors meeting were presented with correction regarding local vending unit policy by Member Krueger. Motion to approve the June meeting minutes with correction by Member Sizemore; seconded by Member Garland.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** DDA accounts payable for June 26, 2023 – July 25, 2023 in the amount of \$785.98.  
Ionia Theatre accounts payable for June 25, 2023 – July 25, 2023 in the amount of \$17,383.52.  
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 Garland; seconded by Member Edds. Member Krueger noted his objection to the funding directed to the MIPitch competition. Discussion followed.  
**MOTION CARRIED.** Member Krueger opposed approval of motion.

**DDA DIRECTOR REPORT:** Report included within DDA Board of Directors meeting document package. Open house and ribbon cutting for 340 W Main scheduled for Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> – requesting attendance by DDA Board members. City of Ionia 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration presented October 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. Full schedule to be released soon.

**THEATRE REPORT:** Theatre Manager G. Ferguson provided an overview of the upcoming movie schedule, rentals, and events. Purchase of a new popcorn machine in place. Elvis tribute concert sponsored by the Commission on Aging had 500+ attendees – very well attended.

BOARD DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. N/A

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 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of our city. Details to follow.
2. Member Krueger emphasized the importance of additional signage directing patrons to the Business District. Member Sizemore was in agreement and noted the potential for downtown banners in addition to promotional billboards along the highways and expressway.

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 8:35AM by Member Sizemore; seconded by Member Edds.

MOTION CARRIED.



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DDA Board Secretary

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