

Jonesville Downtown Development Authority
Regular Meeting
Minutes of January 11, 2022

Present: Don Toffolo, Gerry Arno, Gale Fix, Abe Graves, Joe Ruden and Mary Ellen Sattler.

Absent: Penny Sarles, Chris Fast and one vacancy.

Also Present: Jeff Gray and Tim Bowman

Chairman Don Toffolo called the meeting at the Jonesville Police Department, 116 W. Chicago Street, Jonesville, MI to order at 8:30 a.m.

Joe Ruden made a motion and was supported by Gale Fix to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gerry Arno and supported by Mary Ellen Sattler to approve the minutes of September 14, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

Gerry Arno made a motion and was supported by Joe Ruden to approve the minutes of November 9, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Tim Bowman thanked the members for their willingness to serve on the DDA.

A motion was made by Gerry Arno to accept the Financial Report through November 30, 2021. The motion was supported by Abe Graves. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion as made by Gale Fix and supported by Joe Ruden to extend the RFP for 60 days and to request the RFP Committee brainstorm options for redevelopment of the Klein Tool Building. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gerry Arno and supported by Mary Ellen Sattler to affirm that the DDA approves staff's submittal of the FY 2020-21 Annual Report to the Michigan Department of Treasury along with a synopsis of DDA activities, according to Public Act 57 of 2018. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe Ruden and supported by Mary Ellen Sattler to approve the Façade Grant in the amount of \$2,500 submitted by John and Rebekah Salazar, the new owners of the Nash Drug Store building, 237 E. Chicago Street, pending receipt of the sign quote and building drawing. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe Ruden and supported by Abe Graves to move forward with the Road Diet Study Chicago Street (US-12) with Fleis & Vandenbrink, pending further discussion with the Michigan Department of Transportation regarding partnering on the \$17,800 study cost. The study would explore the feasibility of redoing the lanes of traffic through the downtown, and hold a public meeting for input on the proposed configuration. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Gray provided information of City Staff administering two rounds of donations from Consumers Energy to fund a gift card matching program. \$30,000 in gift cards to Downtown businesses before the holidays.

Christmas in Jonesville 2021 was sponsored by the DDA which included lighting of the Christmas tree, visits with Santa Claus and horse drawn wagon rides. Santa visited with approximately 100 children, with each child receiving coupons for free hot cocoa at Jilly Beans Too and a free cookie from the Jonesville Bakery.

Gale Fix made a motion and was supported by Joe Ruden to adopt the 2022 DDA meeting calendar. All in favor. Motion approved.

Manager Gray provided updates.

The next scheduled DDA Meeting is Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Abe Graves and supported by Mary Ellen Sattler to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted by;

Cynthia D. Means
Clerk