

Jonesville Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of March 12, 2019

Present: Don Toffolo, Don Germann, Joe Ruden, Abe Graves, Penny Sarles, Gale Fix and Ron Gow.

Absent: Chris Fast and Gerry Arno

Also Present: Manager Gray, Tim and Christine Bowman

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 a.m.

The agenda was approved as presented with one addition 6.f.: Time of Meeting Changed.

A motion was made by Don Germann and was supported by Joe Ruden to approve the minutes from November 13, 2018. All in favor. Absent: Gerry Arno and Chris Fast. Motion carried.

Tim and Christine Bowman spoke on behalf of Jonesville Connect, a new 501(C)(3) organization that has been formed to dissolve the existing Riverfest Committee 501(C)(4) organization. Jonesville Connect will have a broader mission of promotions and event planning for the Jonesville area. The Bowman's advised there is a board of directors in place and planning for Riverfest has started with George Humphries at the Riverfest Committee Chairman. The mission of Jonesville Connect will be to promote schools, businesses, recreation and arts. The next scheduled meeting will be held at Jonesville Eagles Monday, March 18, 2019 at 5:45 p.m.

Manager Gray provided updates regarding the Klein Tool building. Gray advised that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has notified the City of the approval of the Site Assessment Grant for the Klein Tool Building. The grant will develop cost estimates for the environmental remediation activities associated with various reuse scenarios (office, retail, industrial, etc.) MDEQ anticipates samples to be taken by the consultant in May with a report developed within weeks after. The Marketing and Reuse Subcommittee met in December to develop the framework for a Request for Proposals to solicit redevelopment projects for the building. The RFP will be issued following completion of the Site Assessment Report.

An update on the MDOT Signal Modernization Project was provided by Manager Gray.

A motion was made by Don Germann and supported by Ron Gow to appoint a 2019-20 Budget Committee of the following: Don Germann, Gerry Arno and Don Toffolo. All in favor. Absent: Chris Fast and Gerry Arno. Motion carried.

The Hillsdale County Chamber of Commerce Membership will not be renewed for 2019.

After minimal discussion, the DDA meeting time of 7:30 a.m. will remain at that time throughout the year.

Manager Gray gave a brief update on the following projects, Biggby Coffee & Creamery and Hope House.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cynthia D. Means, Clerk