

**City of Jonesville
Jonesville Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of July 14, 2020**

Pursuant to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-129, participation in this meeting was by Zoom Meeting. The Board, staff and public were allowed to participate.

Present via Zoom Meeting: Don Toffolo, Don Germann, Gerry Arno, Joe Ruden and Chris Fast.

Absent: Abe Graves, Penny Sarles, Ron Gow and Gale Fix

Also Present via Zoom Meeting: Jeff Gray

The meeting was called to order at 7:52 a.m.

A motion was made by Gerry Arno and supported by Don Germann to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Don Germann, Gerry Arno, Joe Ruden, Chris Fast and Don Toffolo. Nays: None. Absent: Abe Graves, Penny Sarles, Ron Gow and Gail Fix. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gerry Arno and supported by Don Germann to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020, Regular Meeting. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Don Germann, Gerry Arno, Joe Ruden, Chris Fast and Don Toffolo. Nays: None. Absent: Abe Graves, Penny Sarles, Ron Gow and Gail Fix. Motion passed.

Jeff Gray reported that the purchasers of the Wal-Mart property have appealed their tax assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. If they are successful with their appeal, DDA revenues may be significantly impacted. Manager Gray and Finance Director Spahr will be meeting with the City's Assessor later this month to discuss further.

Joe Ruden made a motion to authorize staff to execute an agreement with Wolverine Engineers and Surveyors, Inc. to move forward with the two DDA Capital Projects; Engineering design of the South Parking Lot Improvements in the amount of \$12,500 and the design of the Downtown Streetscape in the amount of \$9,500. Gerry Arno supported the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Don Germann, Gerry Arno, Joe Ruden, Chris Fast and Don Toffolo. Nays: None. Absent: Abe Graves, Penny Sarles, Ron Gow and Gail Fix. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Joe Ruden and supported by Chris Fast to amend the Façade Improvement Program Guidelines as follows: Adjust the project match so that the \$2,500 grant is not more than 10% of the total project cost, rather than 50% in an effort to leverage larger private investments, Amend the Design Guidelines on page 2 to meet the Design Standards for Downtown buildings described in Section 9.04 of the Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of encouraging improvements that will result in durable improvements to buildings that will hold their value and will be more likely to have a long-term impact on DDA revenue, and allow landscape and parking lot improvements between the building and street to count toward project match. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Don Germann, Gerry Arno, Joe Ruden, Chris Fast and Don Toffolo. Nays: None. Absent: Abe Graves, Penny Sarles, Ron Gow and Gail Fix. Motion passed.

Manager Gray provided updates on Traffic Signal Project and Ramshackle Brewing Company's request for a Sidewalk Café.

The next scheduled DDA Meeting is September 8, 2020 at 7:45 a.m.

A motion was made by Gerry Arno and supported by Joe Ruden to adjourn the DDA Meeting at 8:15 a.m. . Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Don Germann, Gerry Arno, Joe Ruden, Chris Fast and Don Toffolo. Nays: None. Absent: Abe Graves, Penny Sarles, Ron Gow and Gail Fix. Motion passed.

Submitted by;

Cynthia D. Means
Clerk