Hamtramck DDA
Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes

Wednesday, April 2nd, 2015 6:30 pm
Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline, 3rd floor conference room

Meeting was called to order @6:40 pm.

Those in attendance were:
Mayor Karen Majewski
Vincent Szymborski
Jeremy Duncan
Andrew Dow
Joan Bittner
Alissa Shelton
Kathy Angerer
Lawrence Ingram

Those absent:
Faness Gray
Dr. Shamiran Golani
Mark Hausner

Guests:
Councilman Robert Zwolak
Liza Bielby

Public Comments: Liza Bielby, Co-Director, The Hinterlands Ensemble. Liza explained the organization, and its mission and direction. She also reviewed the Porous Boarders Festival. More information regarding the Organization can be found at www.thehinterlandensemble.org

Treasurers Report—Kathy Angerer provided an e mail from Bhama Cairns which indicated that the DDA's fund balance as of 6/31/2014 was $53,791.43. This was the beginning of the fiscal year. The current months general ledger report dated 3/31/2015 listed net revenues in excess of expenses of $25,109.37.

Section I: Agenda Items

Merchant Meeting—The date of the next Merchants Meeting was set for Thursday April 29th. @PNC Bank. James Boyle from NEIdeas Challenge will be the teatured speaker that night, along with Mayor Majewski who will discuss her experiences in opening a business in Hamtramck.

Open Shop Commercial Real Estate Tour—This event was schedule to be April 18th from 1-4 pm. Showcased businesses include Henrietta House, Bon Bon Bon, Polish Art Center and Tekla.

Budget Items:

Curb Painting follow-up: The quote came in at 2,670. The expanded quote which would cover Holbrook to Caniff was $6,770. This was voted upon by the Board. Motion made by Andy Dow, Second by Jeremy Duncan, all in favor, motion carried.

Request to Purchase Banners: The discussion was to approve up to $7,500 for the purchase and installation of banners to be installed along Joseph Campau. These banners could also be purchased by Merchants as has been done of the past to defray the cost. Motion made by Joan Bittner, Seconded by Alissa Shelton. All in favor, motion carried.

Request to design: "How to open a business Tri-fold": Jeremy and Alissa to start a design And bring a prototype to the Board.

Update DDA Flower Boxes: Kathy Angerer is working with volunteer groups to assist with the flower boxes.

Chairman's Report-- Mr. Szymborski stated he was pleased with the Board energy and focus as we are now able to address legacy issues with a solid budget position.

Members Report—

- Joan Bittner spoke briefly on "smigus dingus" which is celebrated the day after Easter and is scheduled to be held at Polish Village on April 6th.
- Kathy Angerer spoke regarding the Walk and Talk with the Hamtramck Alliance. This is scheduled for April 16th and for six consecutive weeks on Thursdays.
- Joan Bittner spoke regarding the Friends of Historical Hamtramck. Presentation scheduled for a week from Thursday. See www.hamtramckhistory.org.

Adjournment: 8:15 Motion by Andy Dow, Second by Jeremy Duncan. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Szymborski, Chairman