

Hamtramck DDA
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 15, 2015, 6:30 pm
3401 Evaline, 3rd floor conference room

Meeting was called to order @6:41 pm.

Those in attendance were:

Mayor Karen Majewski
Vincent Szyborski
Kathy Angerer
Joan Bittner

Lawrence Ingram
Jeremy Duncan
Andrew Dow Arrived 6:50

Those absent:

Mark Hausner
Marie Pronko

Faness Gray
Dr. Shamiran Golani

Guests: Councilman Robert Zwolak, Alissa Shelton, Dustin Williams

Public Comments: Councilman Zwolak commented on the increased activity within the City of Hamtramck and its positive effects on the City.

Alissa Shelton stated she was attending the meeting as a new business owner and to see what the DDA does. She has recently purchased the former Chinese restaurant building at the corner of Jos Campau and Caniff. All welcomed her.

Treasurers Report—The presented financials were briefly discussed. The document prepared by the City Controller was more of a journal print from the account software and not a true financial statement. The Board deferred any prolonged discussion on the document until next month and will ask for a document which better summarizes the fiscal year-to-date revenue and expenses, compared to budget as has been done for prior meetings.

Section I: Agenda Items

New Board Member: Jeremy Duncan was introduced. Jeremy will be opening a new coffee shop and roaster business shortly.

Holiday Lights: Report of prior action taken, the lights were approved to be removed after vandals snipped plugs. New ideas include placing them higher off the ground to prevent in the future.

Countdown to Paczki Day: Joan Bittner briefly outlined the costs, including tent rental \$2,000 - \$3,000 and \$800 for a Band. The Board agreed to review her fund-raising activities next meeting and vote to determine if financial assistance is required.

Information Paczki Run 2015: The Paczki Run was approved by Council and will be held on February 14, 10 am. with the start/finish line on Jos Campau in front of McDonald's and Motor City Bar.

Information Business Cards: Cost is \$8.25 per order. City Manager has asked we hold off for 30 days as the City reviews a branding strategy.

Information Action Item Banner Quote: Kathy Angerer brought a quote to the Board. It had several price points and options. The Board asked Kathy to bring back next month at two price points \$3,000 and \$4,500.

Committee Update Promotions:

-Paid dues to Detroit Magazine Meeting @ Detroit Opera House for February 2nd.

-Next Merchants meeting to be hosted by PNC Bank in the February-March timeframe.

Information Website: City is undergoing a website transformation. Rather than strike a different path, the DDA will hope to work with the City to handle their needs as well.

Section II: Other Items:

Chairman's Report: Chair Szyzborski briefly discussed attendance and the penalty for missing three consecutive meetings. Kathy, Vince and the Mayor will take this up at a future date.

Kathy Angerer: The following items were reported on:

- Has served on the Wayne County Transition Team and will attend Wayne County CEO Warren Evans swearing in.
- Will be attending the Charity Auto preview
- Is actively working on behalf of Hamtramck and Michigan Land Bank who have partnered and received a grant for \$952,000 to demolish dangerous residential buildings. The city will assist the MLB in acquiring properties that are privately owned and in need of demolition.
- City Parks – Kathy continues to work towards park improvements in the DDA District at Pope, Veteran's and also Zussman Park across from City Hall. Regular meetings are held with the City Engineer and others to design the plans which will expend CDBG funds and improve our parks. Counting on the DDA to contribute funds towards this effort.
- Gmail account has been accessed and cleaned up.

Mayor Majewski indicated she will host a "Divas and Dandies" Night, January 31 from 7:00 to 10:00.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm. Motion by Mayor Majewski, Seconded by Andy Dow. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Vince Szyzborski