Hamtramck DDA
Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, June 4th, 2015
Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline, 3rd floor Conference room

Meeting was called to order @6:37 pm.

Those in attendance were:

Vincent Szymborski
Jeremy Duncan
Andrew Dow (arrived @ 6:47)
Joan Bittner
Kathy Angerer
Lawrence Ingram
Dr. Shamiran Golani

Those absent:

Alissa Shelton
Mayor Karen Majewski
Mark Hausner

Guests:
Councilman Robert Zwolak
School Superintendent Tom Niczay
School Social Worker Janice Gandleman

1. **Pledge of allegiance to the flag**
2. **Public Comment & Introduction of Public** (two minutes limited to DDA issues)

Thomas Niczay—Superintendent- Hamtramck Public Schools –He stated the School system does support business owners in the City of Hamtramck. He also discussed the 4 mill sinking fund proposal which equates to $72 per year. The 18 mill proposal (renewal) in February failed and will be re-voted on August 4th. This would renew for another ten years. The system will have a $2mm deficit if not approved.

Councilman Zwolak – The Councilman did not feel the pothole issues were the fault City Council. He simply wanted to make a statement to that effect.

2. **Agenda approval**

   Motion was made by Bittner, supported by Ingram, and Board unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

3. **Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2015**

   Motion was made by Duncan, supported by Dow and Board unanimously approved to approve the minutes as presented.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Financial Statements -- Financial Statements of 5/31/2015 were reviewed. The goal For the next meeting would be to include items approved yet not yet expensed against the report. Overall, revenue sources exceeded expenses for 5/31/2015 by 42,287.18.

SECTION I: AGENDA ITEMS – For Discussion/Action/Information

A. Follow-Up – Curb Painting, Street Sweeping and Crosswalks (Angerer)
   a. Project is complete. Overall all were satisfied with work.
B. Follow-Up – DDA Flower Boxes (Angerer)
   a. To be worked on 6/17. General Motors interns to assist. A professional horticulturist and arborist to be brought in to assist. General Motors to pay and assist. Angerer will make sure plants are watered. The sprinkler systems will be reviewed at a later time.
C. Status Update – Banner Program (Shelton, Bittner, Angerer)
   a. Renewal price for banners was set @$300. The Promotions Committee needs to meet and finalize the design elements.
D. Information Item – DDA By-Laws (Szymborski)
   a. By Laws were distributed at the meeting to all Board Members
E. Status Update – "How to Open a Business" (Duncan)
   a. Jeremy reported that he continues to work on this and will have an update for the next meeting.
F. Brainstorming - Next Merchant Meeting
   a. The Board briefly discussed the next Merchants meeting being in either August or September. Morning and evening times were discussed. This will be addressed at the next Board Meeting.
G. Budget Discussion – Possible Projects for 2015 (Szymborski)
   - Update: Tree Grates –no discussion
   - Update: Light Poles –no discussion
   - Other Member Concerns—
     - Joan Bittner had concerns regarding tire dumping
     - Andy Dow—Will letter be sent on Faness Gray? Board motioned for a letter to be sent ending her Board seat. Motion by Andy, second by Jeremy. All in favor, motion carried.
     - Dr. Golani would like to see planter boxes on the North side.

SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

1. Chairmans' Report -- N/A
2. Members' Report –No additional.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Duncan, supported by Golani and Board unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.