

Hamtramck DDA
Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, May 7th, 2015, 6:30 pm
Hamtramck City Hall, 3401 Evaline, 3rd floor Jury Room

Meeting was called to order @6:37 pm.

Those in attendance were:

Mayor Karen Majewski
Vincent Szymborski
Jeremy Duncan
Andrew Dow
Joan Bittner
Alissa Shelton
Kathy Angerer

Those absent:

Faness Gray
Dr. Shamiran Golani
Mark Hausner
Lawrence Ingram

Guests:

Councilman Robert Zwolak
Martin Organisciak
Janice Gandelman
Kenan Pajic

Public Comments: Councilman Zwolak commented on two topics: the potential return of sidewalk sales and whether or not the Board should consider an intern or consultant for the summer. Points were noted.

Martin Organisciak owner, from ABC Computers located at 10027 Joseph Campau. His concern was people feeding parking meters in front of their stores, leaving cars there all day and the Ticket officer not writing tickets.

Janice Gandelman—Spoke briefly on the proposed non-homestead millage renewal. Voting this down would reduce school funding by 1.8 million dollars.

Agenda Approval: Motion by Joan Bittner, Second by Mayor Majewski. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of May 7th. After typo correction, Motion by Andrew Dow, Second by Mayor Majewski, motion carried.

Treasurers Report— Notes from Prior Minutes: 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. No expense update as of 4/30/2015 report.

Section I: Agenda Items

Merchant Meeting—Event was held as scheduled at PNC Bank. Turnout was good and the meeting was a success. Great efforts lead by Kathy Angerer, Alissa Shelton and Joan Bittner as well as our host Lawrence Ingram.

Open Shop Commercial Real Estate Tour, held April 18th. 7 people in attendance. Good quality interest, however low turnout of people.

The Board approved the reimbursement of \$100 to Alissa Shelton for the cost of lunch for attendees. Vince Szymborski made the motion, seconded by Joan Bittner. Motion carried.

Budget Items:

Curb Painting follow-up: Kathy reported that work will begin 5/20/2015 with rain days set for 5/21 or 5/22.

Banner Program: No new sales except to the Painted Lady Lounge

Request to design: "How to open a business Tri-fold": Jeremy reported that he may have two designers willing to donate their time to this effort.

Tree Grates: The Board briefly discussed the option of digging out one and cementing it over. This would cost \$175 per grate. Andy Dow and Jeremy will research further.

Trash Cans: Joan Bittner made a motion seconded by Mayor Majewski to repair ones that have broken. Motion carried. Cost expected to be \$200.

DDA Flower Boxes: No update for this meeting.

Member Concerns

Attendance of Finess Gray: It was determined to have the Clerk send a letter informing of position removal due to non-attendance.

Street Cameras: They continue to be in use today.

Bears Deli: The Mayor reported this business will be closing.

DCFC Soccer Night: Will occur next Friday April 24 at Veterans Park. Reported by Kathy Angerer.

DDA Website: Alissa Shelton was looking for an update as to the status of the website. A memo will be send to the City Manager for this purpose.

Code Enforcement: Andrew Dow briefly discussed code enforcement in the District. With staffing of 2 officers at 29 hours per week, code enforcement has not been as complete as expected. The discussion then centered on the possible use of reserve officers.

Chairman's Report-- No update for this meeting.

Members Report— See above.

Adjournment: 8:10 Motion by Andy Dow, Second by Mayor Majewski. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Szymborski, Chairman
