

FENTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
Tuesday, July 18, 2017
City Hall Council Chambers
301 South LeRoy Street
6:00 PM

Chairman Craig Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Bayer, Bertschy, Green, Henderson, James, Parker, Schmidt, Strayer, Thompson.
Absent: Canever, Osborn, Steffey
Others Present: Michael Hart, DDA Director/Assistant City Manager
Lynn Markland, City Manager; Cindy Shane, Treasurer

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Michael Hart advised the RFP for 106 W. Shiawassee is expected to be finished late summer or fall. The sculpture at this address has been repaired.
- Freedom Festival had excellent weather and the two day attendance was strong. Estimates were between 13-15,000 on the conservative side and reasonably around 20,000 in the downtown area lining the parade route.
- ArtWalk and Bastille Race also enjoyed excellent weather and was well attended along with the Butterfly Sculpture Dedication.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Cindy Shane reviewed the financial report included in the meeting packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

Craig Schmidt reviewed the consent agenda items containing authorization of invoices in the amount of \$24,851.59 and to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting.

Motion made by Schmidt and supported by Bertschy to approve the consent agenda.

YEAS: Bayer, Bertschy, Green, Henderson, James, Parker, Schmidt, Strayer, Thompson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Canever, Osborn, Steffey **Motion was carried by Roll Call Vote**

CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL

Hart reviewed the application for the Fenton Hotel Facade Grant. He asked if the Board had any questions for Nick Sorise, Owner of Fenton Hotel or Max Williams from BrenMar Construction whom were in attendance. Schmidt inquired as to when they plan to be open, Sorise stated, mid to late August.

Patric Parker and Tom Bertschy recused themselves from the vote as they have a conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Schmidt and supported by Green to approve fully funding the facade grant application in the amount of \$16,861.20 subject to the City Planner's report, dated July 8, 2017 including recommendations and conditions.

YEAS: Bayer, Green, Henderson, James, Schmidt, Strayer, Thompson

NAYS: None


RECUSED: Bertschy, Parker

ABSENT: Canever, Osborn, Steffey **Motion was carried by Unanimous Voice Vote**

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Councilwoman Cherie Smith was asked by Mayor Osborn to address the Board regarding the Food Truck Rally information Smith has obtained from attending Rally's in municipalities. Smith gave an overview of the information she gathered. Smith stated each truck on an average have two to three hundred customers per hour, per truck. The feedback from the restaurants in those areas were positive. The events are sponsored by several entities within those locations with little or no cost to the municipality itself. The trucks are charged a fee to participate, are licensed and insured. The Board was interested in getting more information and thought it was a good idea. Bayer requested to get information from cities that mirror Fenton. Green stated he thought the low cost for the draw of people to the City would be beneficial.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM



Craig Schmidt
DDA Chairman



Sue Walsh, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 8/15/2017