

**Downtown Development Authority Board
Scheduled Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2015
City Hall Chambers**

Present: Atkins, Cady, Krumholtz, LaVanway, Miller, Mayor Peck, McCloud, Teske, Worgess and City Manager Tom Cannon.

Absent: none

Meeting was called to order by President Teske at 5:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report-

Motion by Atkins, second by Miller to approve the April 8, 2015 minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-

Motion by Worgess, second by Cady to approve of treasurer's report. All ayes, motion carried.

City Manager's Report-

Friday, May 8th from 2 – 4 p.m. Senator Schmidt and State Representative Cole will be at City Hall. Tom Cannon will meet with them to update them on the projects that are going on in East Jordan.

Saturday, May 16th will be City Clean up day. Same day will also be grand opening with ribbon cutting of the disc golf course. There will be morning and afternoon tournaments.

Silt wall will go in the first week in June.

A planning commission meeting will take place Thursday, June 4th at 5:30 p.m. to go through rough draft of Cannonball LLC plan. Thursday, May 28th will be an open house at High School Auditorium from 6 – 8 p.m. to discuss the master plan. There will be a 60 day public review before the master plan can be adopted by City Council first Tuesday in August.

Wednesday, May 20th will be service awards for City employees and volunteers on committees and boards at Elm Pointe.

Mayor's Report-

Nothing

Chairman's Report-

Nothing

Old Business-

A. Update on Flower Boxes-

Worgess said she will send letters out to sponsors. Miller will put fertilizer and preen in the flower boxes.

B. New Banner committee report-

C. Quote from Sternberg-

A quote from Sternberg was given for flag poles. Miller said there are 45 poles that don't have banners. Sternberg wanted \$105 per holder. Brian Stanek said he would give a bid.

New Business-

D. Entrepreneurial Community Trip to Detroit

Worgess gave a report on the trip to Detroit. It was a one day trip in which they went to Green Garage, Pink Pony, and Slows Barbecue. There are plans for the school to take a bus in the fall to let students see this entrepreneurial success with a theme of restore, reuse, and recycle.

This October, the committee plans to hold a "hatch" at Castle Farms. The winning businesses will have to locate on the Breezeway from Atwood through Boyne Falls. This is a three year commitment for the hatch. Worgess asked that DDA budget \$2,500 towards this event to go towards the prize the winner gets. Discussion was held on this issue. Worgess will find out more information on this issue and inform the board at the next meeting.

E. Music in the park-

Donation letters were sent out for entertainment and donations have been received.

F. Communication from Floyd Wright on the Hotel Property-offer to sell

Floyd Wright sent a letter saying he would like \$108,000 for his piece of property behind BC Pizza. His letter states he will give the City 120 days to make a decision.

Atkins was opposed to using DDA funds to buy this parcel for the following reasons:

1. DDA already has \$210,000 invested in the 2.2 acre parcel that surrounds the Wright parcel on the North and East sides. It would not be the best use of DDA funds to have \$318,000 invested in this undeveloped parcel of land.
2. The Wright parcel currently brings in tax revenue to the DDA. Ideally a developer would acquire this parcel so it would continue to generate tax revenue.
3. Almost any purchases of the Wright property would initiate a discussion with the DDA due to the proximity of the property and their possible need for access to the Wright property (Don't know if an easement or other means of access exists to the Wright property).

4. The Wright property may be more expensive to develop than a property with more solid soil. The main street center, across the street and possibly on firmer ground required a deep and expensive support system. Wright has had soil tests performed on this parcel. The rough cost of the footings or support system for a building on the Wright parcel should be disclosed.
5. The Wright parcel appears over priced to Dave. It has no road frontage and access is unknown. It is likely the DDA over paid for the 2.2 acre parcel in their haste to assist a development that never occurred and, based on efforts over the last 12 years, will not occur in the near future.

Motion was made by Peck, second by Worgess to table this issue for now and decide on this issue before the 120 days is up. 8 ayes, 1 nay. Motion passed.

Tom Teske will be attending the regional NLEA DDA forum on May 11th at Petoskey Public Library in which all DDA representatives will attend to discuss regional plans and network with other DDA's in region.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dawn LaVanway
Secretary**