**Negaunee Downtown Development Authority**

**January 24, 2022 Minutes**

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by DDA Chairman Gary Nelson at 5:30 PM, on January 24th, 2022. Present were authority Members Nate Heffron, Gary Nelson, Marybeth Kurtz, Mike Ridenour, Pete Munson, and Ryan Nummela. Absent: Haley Thomas, Ben Snapp, both excused due to illness.

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to approve the minutes from May 24, 2021. Seconded by DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

Consultant Mona Lang and DDA Member Nate Heffron gave financial update to the board. Some further review of the financials will be looked at concerning some possible charges to the DDA accounts that should may have been posted incorrectly. A report on these findings will be made at the next regular meeting.

DDA Member Ryan Nummela made a motion to accept the financial update. Seconded by DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Pete Munson and DDA Member Nate Heffron gave final report on Tinseltown 2021. Feedback was solicited from DDA members. Some issues concerning parking and direct messaging to other businesses the downtown were discussed. Some alternative dates were also discussed for Tinseltown 2022. Overall, the DDA felt the event was well attended and was a great success.

DDA Member Nate Heffron and Consultant Mona Lang gave an update on the upcoming event of Heikki Lunta 2022. Both reported that they have had strong community support from service clubs and businesses, raising enough fund where the DDA will not need to use its budgets finding for the event, while also having a surplus for 2023. Some alternate dates we discussed for 2023, as Heikki Lunta may interfere with other longstanding event within the community. Consultant Mona Lang asked that the DDA approve the budget for Hikki Lunta 2022 as presented.

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to approve the Heikki Lunta 2022 budget. Seconded by DDA Member Ryan Nummela. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron and Consultant Mona Lang gave and update on the Negaunee Downtown Economic Development Grant Program. It was reported that the program is up and running and that the DDA should expect some applications coming as early as their next meeting.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave presentation the proposed campground and trailhead project that the city is seeking a grant to construct from the US Economic Development Administration (US EDA). He asked that the DDA motion a support letter for the project.

DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz made a motion to write a letter of support for the city’s campground and trailhead project to the US EDA. Seconded by DDA Member Ryan Nummela. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave presentation the proposed playground being built in Jackson Mine Park this summer.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave an update of all the new businesses moving in downtown and prospective businesses they have been in talks with.

Consultant Mona Lang discussed a number of potential goals and projects that the DDA can work on for 2022. She will provide a full listing for the DDA to take in consideration at their February meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

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Nate Heffron