**Negaunee Downtown Development Authority**

**March 28, 2022 Minutes**

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by DDA Chairman Gary Nelson at 5:31 PM, on March 28th, 2022. Present were authority Members Nate Heffron, Gary Nelson, Marybeth Kurtz, Pete Munson, Haley Thomas, and Ryan Nummela. Absent: None. Mike Ridenour and Ben Snapp

DDA Member Ryan Nummela made a motion to approve the minutes from February 28, 2022. Seconded by DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

Consultant Mona Lang and DDA Member Nate Heffron gave financial update to the board.

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

The DDA reviewed a Commercial Rehabilitation District Tax abatement application for Casa della Nonnina LLC.

DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz made a motion to recommend to the City Council that Casa della Nonnina LLC be granted a 7-year tax abatement as afforded under the Negaunee Commercial Rehabilitation District Tax Abatement Program. Seconded by Haley Thomas. Motion Passed.

DDA Consultant Mona Lang gave an update on the Marketing and branding Plan. Both report that a final draft should be to the DDA no later than May.

Discussion was held on the creation of a social district in downtown. More information will be presented to the DDA at the April meeting.

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

Public Comment:

Marybeth Kurtz asked questions concerning access to other businesses during the Iron Range Music Festival.

Haley Thomas will bring a proposal to the DDA to start up a Music on the Streets summer series event.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

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Nate Heffron