**Negaunee Downtown Development Authority**

**April 25, 2022 Minutes**

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by DDA Chairman Gary Nelson at 5:34 PM, on April 25th, 2022. Present were authority Members, Mike Ridenour, Ben Snapp, Gary Nelson, Marybeth Kurtz, Pete Munson, and Haley Thomas. Absent: Ryan Nummela and None. Nate Heffron (took notes via phone, but did not participate in voting).

DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to approve the minutes from March 28, 2022. Seconded by DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

Consultant Mona Lang gave financial update to the board.

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to accept the financial update. Seconded by DDA Member Pete Munson. Motion Passed.

The DDA reviewed one application for the Downtown Economic Development Grants: 212 Gold Street (Union Station). DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to award a $25,000 grant request to 212 Gold Street. Seconded by DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

DDA Consultant Mona Lang gave an update on the Marketing and branding Plan. Both report that a final draft will be presented to the DDA in May.

Discussion was held on the creation of a social district in downtown. The DDA was given a draft Maintenance and Management Plan. Some changes were made (1) Map, (2) timeframe for use of Alcohol, and (3) removal of standard pink color cup.

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to call for a special meeting to hold a public input session on the creation of social district and for public review of the draft Maintenance and Management Plan. Seconded by DDA Member Haley Thomas. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Haley Thomas gave a presentation Iron Tunes. A proposed DDA sponsor program that will run Thursdays this summer. The plan calls for the partial shutdown Iron Street on Thursdays. Music would be played, beanbag tournaments would be provided, and additional outdoor seating would be provided.

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to allow Iron Tunes to be sponsored in the amount of $3000.000 by the DDA. Seconded by DDA Member Ben Snapp. Motion Passed.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

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Nate Heffron