**Negaunee Downtown Development Authority**

**May 24, 2021 Minutes**

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by DDA Chairman Gary Nelson at 5:32 PM, on May 24th, 2021, via Zoom. Present were authority Members Nate Heffron, Mike Ridenour,

Gary Nelson, Pete Munson, Marybeth Kurtz, Haley Thomas, Ryan Nummela, and Allie Becker. Absent: None.

DDA Chairman Gary Nelson informed the public that this meeting would serve as one of the required public informational meetings as prescribed by state statute.

The DDA received a notice that DDA Member Jeff Plummer has resigned from the DDA.

Newly appointed DDA member Allie Becker introduced herself to the board.

No minutes due to lack of quorum for the 4-22-21 meeting.

Consultant Mona Lang gave financial update to the board.

Consultant Mona Lang and DDA Member Nate Heffron gave an update on the progress of the Marketing and Branding Plan.

The DDA reviewed a Commercial Rehabilitation District Tax abatement application for 906 Enterprises LLC (DBA Campfire Coffee).

DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to recommend to the City Council that 906 Enterprises LLC (DBA Campfire Coffee) be granted a 5-year tax abatement as afforded under the Negaunee Commercial Rehabilitation District Tax Abatement Program. Seconded by Mike Ridenour. Motion Passed. DDA Member Ryan Nummela abstained.

DDA Member Pete Munson reports that he will take on the role of organizing the DDA portions of Tinseltown 2022. He will meet with Ms. Lang and DDA Member Heffron to present a proposal to the full DDA Board.

Consultant Mona Lang brought to the attention of the DDA a funding opportunity for Pioneer Days through the Irontown Association Committee.

Nate Heffron made a motion to sponsor the Pioneer Days event through the Irontown Association Committee for $1000.00. Seconded by Haley Thomas. Motion passed.

Consultant Mona Lang gave a report on a plaque be awarded to Smarty’s Saloon for his invest in downtown. She reports that Tino’s and Campfire Coffee will be next.

Consultant Mona Lang asked for permission to purchase and present a plaque to Campfire Coffee.

DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to purchase and present a plaque to Campfire Coffee. Seconded by Mike Ridenour

DDA Member Heffron reports that he will request from the City Council that $120,000 be earmarked for façade and placemaking grants. This program would be administered by the DDA from funds received from the federal stimulus. If approved, the current façade program adopted under the DDA will be modified and applications will begin to be accepted this fall.

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

DDA Consultant Mona Lang gave her report and covered various topics

Public Comment: None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

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Nate Heffron