**Negaunee Downtown Development Authority Special Meeting**

**June 27, 2022 Minutes**

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by DDA Chairman Gary Nelson at 5:50 PM, on May 27th, 2022. Present were authority Members, Mike Ridenour, Gary Nelson, Marybeth Kurtz, Pete Munson, and Nate Heffron. Absent: Ben Snapp, Haley Thomas, and Ryan Nummela

DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz made a motion to amend the agenda to add under New Business, “C. Purchase of Candy for Pioneer Days Parade.” Seconded by DDA Member Mike Ridenour. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz made a motion to approve the minutes from May 16th, 2022. Seconded by DDA Member Mike Ridenour. Motion Passed.

The DDA reviewed the financial report. DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz made a motion to accept the financial report. Seconded by DDA Member Mike Ridenour. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave an update on the Marketing and Branding Plan. It was reported that Council did not approve the logo or plan. However, the plan they do like, the logo they did not. The logo will be reworked through the Council, and they will choose the logo. An update will be given at a later date.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave an update on the Social District Status. Council approved the district, now the city is awaiting State Approval. Upon approval, city staff will work with business to get them ready to participate and the city will take the necessary step outline in the Management and Maintenance Plan.

A request was made to fund the Social District upon approval of the state $3000 for signage and $750 for required district stickers.

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to spend up to $3000 for signage for the Social District. Seconded by DDA Member Pete Munson. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to spend up to $750 for the required district stickers for cups for the Social District. Seconded by DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

The DDA reviewed one application for the Downtown Economic Development Grant:

A. 334 Iron Street (Lowestein’s Building)

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to award a $25,000 grant request to 334 Iron Street with the following additional conditions and requirements: A) The (2) two transom windows on Iron Street be temporary covered with a single sign until such windows can be properly replace or properly replace these windows. B) The larger single pane window that is missing on Iron Street, but has a board in its place, be temporary painted a single color that will match the same color as the temporary window coverings of the basement windows on iron Street or properly replace these windows. C) The basement windows missing along Iron Street with painted boards in its place be temporarily replaced with new board and painted or properly replace these windows. Seconded by DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to sponsor the Pioneer Days event through the Irontown Association Committee for $1000.00. Seconded by Marybeth Kurtz. Motion passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron made a motion to sponsor up to $250.00 in funding for candy for the Pioneer Days Parade. Seconded by Pete Munson. Motion passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave an update on the Irontunes event. The event was lightly attended but being the first one that was to be expected. Businesses reported an uptick in activity. DDA Members would like to see more advertising for the event and suggest that the picnic tables be placed on the northside of the street for better shade.

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

No public comments.

No board comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

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Nate Heffron