**Negaunee Downtown Development Authority**

**September 26, 2022 Minutes**

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by DDA Chairman Gary Nelson at 5:30 PM, on September 26, 2022. Present were authority Members, Mike Ridenour, Gary Nelson, Marybeth Kurtz, Pete Munson, Ben Snapp, Ryan Nummela, and Nate Heffron. Absent: Haley Thomas.

DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to approve the minutes from June 27th, 2022. Seconded by DDA Member Mike Ridenour. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave an update on the financials.

DDA Member Ryan Nummela made a motion to purchase a tablet in the amount of $645.57 and pay for ongoing month version payments of $36.01. Seconded by DDA Member Mike Ridenour. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave an update on the Social District and report that the kick off will be on October 1, 2022, at 4PM.

DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to pay for two bands to play during the Social District Kick off in the amount of $500.00. Seconded by DDA Member Mike Ridenour. Motion Passed.

The DDA reviewed two applications for the Downtown Economic Development Grant:

A. 209 Gold Street

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to award a $25,000 grant request to 209 Gold Street. Seconded by DDA Member Ryan Nummela Motion Passed.

B. 511 Iron Street

Project application tabled for financial update.

Committee Reports:

Events and Budget Committee:

**Irontunes**: Grant will be given up to $100 for bands during this event to downtown businesses. The Street will not close. Bean bags will still made available. The event will open sometime in July and end mid-august. The event will remain on Thursday’s.

**Car Show**: The event will remain in hands of the organizer. No changes.

**Tinseltown**: The event will remain the same for the most part. Attempt to bring in craft show will be made along with the possibility of pop-up shops. The event will be held on December 10th at 4PM-8PM.

**Heikki Lunta:** The event will remain primarily the same. The event will be held on February 3rd and 4th.

A proposed budget for the 2023 fiscal year was presented to the Authority.

DDA Member Ryan Nummela made a motion to recommend the proposed DDA Budget 2023 to the City Manager’s Office. Seconded by DDA Member Mike Ridenour. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron reported that he and consultant Lang would be working to schedule a meeting with downtown businesses for some time in October.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave a brief report on the downtown property updates.

Public Comment: Anna Mattson commented on parks, recreation and beatification committee matters.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

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Nate Heffron