



Negaunee Downtown Development Authority January 27, 2020 Minutes

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by Nate Heffron at 6:03 PM, on January 27th, 2020, at the Negaunee Senior Center. Present were authority Members Nate Heffron, Maryhanna Ockerman, Jeff Plummer, Gary Nelson, Pete Munson, and Haley Thomas. Absent: Scott Soeltner.

DDA Member Gary Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by DDA Member Jeff Plummer. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Haley Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings held on the following dates: November 25, 2019. Seconded by DDA Member Maryhanna Ockerman. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Haley Thomas gave an update on the Heikki Lunta efforts. The DDA felt that more time would need to be invested in assisting whoever was taking on the lead role for this event. Haley will reach out to the Luge Club to determine if they are still chairing this event and how the DDA may be able to assist for 2021.

DDA Member Heffron gave an update on projects occurring in the downtown area that the group should be aware of. Projects included the upcoming Senior Center Project, rehabilitation being done on the Vista, four façade projects, and the addition of the community pavilion.

DDA Member Heffron requested permission to proceed with developing a bid package to go out for an RFP that will seek out qualified applicants to be hired as a consultant for the DDA. DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to proceed with the RFP to go out to bid. Seconded by DDA Member Gary Nelson. Motion Passed.

DDA Members reviewed the proposed meeting dates for this year's session. DDA Member Gary Nelson made a motion to approved the list of meeting dates. Seconded by DDA Member Haley Thomas. Motion passed.

The election of officers for the 2020 year was held, with the nominations being Gary Nelson as Chair-Person, Haley Thomas as Vice Chair-Person, and Nate Heffron as Secretary. DDA



Member Maryhanna Ockerman made a motion to elect the slate of candidates presented. Seconded by DDA Member Pete Munson. Motion Passed.

DDA Members proceeded to volunteer to sit on the various DDA committees:

Projects and Budget Committee: Gary Nelson, Pete Munson, Nate Heffron, and Jeff Plummer

Economic Development Committee: Gary Nelson, Haley Thomas, Nate Heffron, and Maryhanna Ockerman,

Community Affairs and Events Committee: Pete Munson, Haley Thomas, Maryhanna and Ockerman, Jeff Plummer

The Next DDA meeting will be on February 24, 2020, at 6:00PM, at the Senior Center.

Public Comment:

Dave Kangas: Made comments about his concerns with the current façade project and MEDC.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Nate Heffron