

Village of Bellaire

Downtown Development Authority

Louise Wenzel, Chairperson
Don Hoyt, Vice-Chairperson
Doug Dawson, Secretary
Christy Wilson, Treasurer

Downtown Development Authority Minutes

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020, via Zoom

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Louise Wenzel.
- II. Roll Call:**
Members Present: Christy Wilson; Louise Wenzel; Mark Irwin; Joe Short; Rolland Fink; Don Hoyt; Dan Bennett
Members Absent: Don Seman and Doug Dawson
Guests Present: Shawna Minish, Sue Palmisano, Brenda Fink, Trish Fox, Seth Gernot, Sam Luotonen
- III. Consent Agenda:** approval was discussed. Dan Bennet moved to table. Don Hoyt seconded. Dan Bennet later moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Don Hoyt seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved by a majority vote.
- Agenda Approval: DIA Art Removal added to agenda
 - Financial Report: Louise provided a verbal description of the finance report.
 - DDA Minutes Approval – September 30, 2020
- IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items:** No public comment.
- V. Unfinished Business**
- Unified Action Plan Steering Committee Update: Mark Irwin provided a thorough update on this committee's progress.
 - SBC Contribution Dollars: A motion was made by Don Hoyt, seconded by Christy Wilson to return the \$34,000 in unrestricted funds to SBC. The motion was approved by a majority of the board with one opposition.
 - Buy Local Report: Christy Wilson provided a thorough Buy Local report, which included the Buy Local group's decision that they are separating from the DDA. The motion to separate the Buy Local Group from the DDA was made by Christy Wilson, seconded by Rollie Fink, the vote was passed by a majority vote with one opposition.
 - Village Update: a thorough Village update was provided by Dan Bennett.
 - DIA Art Removal: Don Hoyt informed the board that the DIA is offering an extension to keep the DIA outdoor art in place through next year. The board voted to keep the art in place through next year by majority vote.

VI. New Business

- **Board Membership:** a discussion was had by all board members on their individual contributions and how to engage board activity either through a larger board or more existing board contributions. During the discussion, Christy Wilson stated she would prefer to step down from her role as Treasurer and become more involved in initiating DDA marketing. All board members agreed they would like to see more active involvement from existing board members instead of increased board size. Don Hoyt agreed to take minutes for this meeting.
- **DDA Boundary:** the topic of changing the DDA boundaries to potentially expand the district was discussed. The general consensus of those who contributed was that more research was needed.
- **Non-Motorized Trail:** Louise provided an informational update on the potential for a bike bath between Bellaire and Central Lake.

VII. Miscellaneous Business of the Authority Board: The board agreed to meet in November.

VIII. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None given.

IX. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:42.

Minutes compiled by Don Hoyt