

**Village of Bellaire**  
**Downtown Development Authority**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

**I. Call to Order:**

Chair D. Hoyt called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance:**

**III. Attendance:**

Members Present: Dan Bennett, Michelle Dayton, Don Hoyt, Tracy Lareau, Doreen McGuire, Cindi Place, Taylor Sutherland

Members Absent: Dave Gajda, Don Seman

Public Present: Brenda Fink, Sue Palmisano

**IV. Consent Agenda:**

Motion by T. Lareau to approve the amended consent agenda. Second T. Sutherland. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

**V. Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

None

**VI. Unfinished Business:**

**Buy Local Update**

Tickets are now available for the Art is Sweet event scheduled for March 12th from 2 - 5. Tickets are \$10.00 and available at the downtown merchants. Thank you to the sponsors: Village Market of Central Lake, Gordon Food Service and Revolution Waste. Further discussion will take place with N. Essad and D. Gajda regarding the profits from this event and how to handle the transfer. April 16th Flip Flops and Flamingos, April 19th Pub Crawl to support Relay for Life. Waiting on the flower pricing for this year

## **Village Update**

Budget hearing will take place on Thursday, February 24, 2022. Restrooms coming along doing the finish work. Shorts Anniversary party will take place this year and M-88 will remain open during this event.

D. Bennett asked the DDA Board for their thoughts regarding a millage for police protection. Discussion followed with the general consensus being to host an information session to present education about police protection and how the money would be designated.

## **Public Wifi**

No update at this time. Still waiting on a response from Aspen Wireless. D. Hoyt and C. Place will meet to look at other providers.

## **Map**

Positive feedback from the Board regarding the draft of the map. We will be adding the following to the map: Farmers Market, Commission on Aging and Bellaire Chamber of Commerce. In addition we will be adding Craven Park and Glacial Hills. With the suggested changes a final draft will be available at the March DDA meeting.

## **DDA Parking Committee**

The parking subcommittee will be the following DDA members: D. Bennett, D. Hoyt, and T. Sutherland. Motion by T. Lareau to establish a parking committee. Second C. Place. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

D. Hoyt and T. Sutherland gave an update from their meeting of February 4, 2022. DPW Supervisor B. Keiser was in attendance. D. Bennett was absent. The discussion centered on directing visitors to the parking lots that are available. Many of them are underutilized. This would require directional signage steering traffic off M-88 and away from the alley. It was also discussed that the lot behind Inspire Health Chiropractic & Wellness/Bellaire Bar is being used for purposes other than intended, such as overnight parking. A recommendation is a 3 step approach: 1. Signage posted. 2. A letter generated to the apartment renters and businesses. 3. Enforcing a possible violation from the Village. Better signage would be helpful. The Board agreed that T. Sutherland will approach the Village at the next council meeting to address the parking signage, alley and overnight parking. Motion by C. Place to have T. Sutherland approach the Village. Second T. Lareau. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

**VII. New Business:**

**Salting Sidewalks**

Discussion regarding the salting of the sidewalks and should the DDA provide the funds for the salting. The Village's equipment would be able to handle this process. In the past some of the business owners were opposed to the salting as it tracks into their businesses and another point made that some of the owners have their sidewalks done before the Village comes through to clean.

Motion by M. Dayton to have T. Sutherland send out an email to the businesses for their input regarding the salting of the sidewalks. Second C. Place. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

**ZOOM Recording of Meetings**

Discussion regarding the recording of the DDA ZOOM meetings took place. It was determined that the ZOOM meetings are not the official record. The recorded minutes of the DDA meetings are held by the Village Clerk for one year and are available upon request. Motion by M. Dayton that the ZOOM meetings not be recorded. Second T. Sutherland. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

**VIII. Miscellaneous Business of the Authority Board:**

D. Bennett thanked D. Hoyt for his leadership of the DDA Board and his willingness to work with others.

**IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

None

**X. Adjourn:**

Motion by T. Lareau. Second by T. Sutherland to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned by Chair D. Hoyt at 10:15 am.