

Village of Bellaire
Downtown Development Authority

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

Downtown Development Authority Minutes
Monday August 31, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson, Louise Wenzel called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m..
2. **Attendance**
Members Present: Louise Wenzel, Rolland Fink, Christy Wilson, Mark Irwin, Joe Short, Dan Bennett, Don Seaman
Members Absent: Don Hoyt, Doug Dawson
Others Present: Elise Crafts
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Motion by Fink, seconded by Wilson to approve the consent agenda with changes in the order of discussion items under New Business. Motion carried a unanimous vote.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda:** None at this time
5. **New Business:**
 - i. Community Hall and Other Contributions
The Board discussed the disposition of contributions that were made to the DDA for specific projects that have not been implemented. The various contributors were contacted and notified contributions would be returned. It was also noted that monthly contributions to the DDA from Shorts Brewing Company will cease. However, Joe Short noted that both he and his wife will continue to be open to providing support on other economic development projects.

ii. Social Distancing Equipment

The Board agreed to contribute the Social Distancing Equipment to Shorts Brewing Company as they are able to store the equipment and their contributions to the DDA were the dollars that helped purchased the equipment.

iii. Action Plan/DDA Status

The members discussed at length the status of the Unified Action Plan. After the discussion, each Board member was asked how they felt about where we were and if we felt we could all move forward on the Action Plan. There was lengthy discussion from each Board member who all expressed a sense of frustration, yet felt strongly in moving forward with the Plan.

The Board members believed it would be beneficial if the Village Council would provide something in writing expressing their full support for the Action Plan knowing that the Plan will not necessarily have a dollar amount attached as we don't even know what the Steering Committee, and our respective Boards will conclude regarding which items to address. It will also not have a time line for implementation due to the pandemic. We just want to see the support of the Village. It was felt that the 3 members of the DDA and the 3 members of the Village Council have invested a great deal of personal time since February to gain momentum on this process and to get mired down in the weeds does not constitute forward movement.

We hope we can all move forward and achieve real progress rather than identifying goals in a document that sits on a shelf. During the meeting, the Board members asked Dan Bennett if the Village was really committed to the big picture of achieving the goals outlined in the Village Master Plan. Dan indicated he would reach out to the Council.

6. **Miscellaneous Business** - None
7. **Public Comment on Non Agenda Items:** none
8. **Adjourned:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Meeting minutes compiled by Louise Wenzel