

Village of Bellaire
Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
February 22, 2023

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Chair D. Hoyt at 9:02 am.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Attendance:

Members present: Michael Belanger, Michelle Dayton, Don Hoyt, Doreen McGuire, Cindi Place, Taylor Sutherland

Members absent: Dan Bennett, Dave Gajda, Tracy Lareau

Public present via Zoom: Dave Gajda, Tracy Lareau

Public present: Jean Bedell, Dave Ciganick representing the Village

Consent Agenda:

Motion by M. Dayton to approve consent agenda. Second, C. Place. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

None

Unfinished Business:

Buy Local Update:

The Buy Local Group will be hosting the *Art is Sweet Bake Off* event on Saturday, March 4, 2 - 5 pm. There will be 9 bakers showcasing cookies. April 22nd, will be the *Flip Flops and Flamingos* event. The group is exploring different opportunities to participate in the upcoming Short's Anni Party.

Village Update:

Dave Ciganick, Village Council member, provided the update. The DDA budget has been approved. Money currently is a big issue within the Village budget especially as it relates to the Fund Equity balance. Water and sewer are the most important. Dave stated that the Village is in the infancy stage of a possible police millage. The vote would take place on the November ballot should the Council move forward. The use of the ballfields is still to be determined. The ice rink is open in Richardi Park.

Public Wifi:

C. Place is still in contact with Antrim County. The \$1.6 B Federal funds for connectivity is only available for the County to apply and not on the Village level.

DDA Parking Committee:

T. Sutherland received a quote from Gourdie-Fraser, Inc. to conduct a parking survey. The quote is \$7,500. It was suggested that at the May Meet and Greet we discuss the issue of parking with the attendees.

Outdoor Art:

D. McGuire read an update from T. Lareau regarding the MACC Grant. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$3,000. We scored 91 out of 100. Letters were approved and sent to the legislators by D. Hoyt (this was a requirement by the MACC). T. Lareau will work with the committee to create a survey to email to the local businesses, Bellaire Library, Bellaire Historical Museum and non profit organization to secure feedback on the exhibition. The College for Creative Studies will host an alumni event on August 19th to introduce the attendees to the Charles Culver exhibition.

The committee selected the 12 paintings along with proposed locations for the exhibit. The exhibit will run from June through October.

M. Dayton stated we currently are at \$4,500 in fundraising. She has also contacted two builders regarding the installation of the images for the exhibition. Also creating a robust marketing plan for the exhibition.

C. Place talked about the audio tour along with additional pieces from the Culver Collection that will be on exhibit at the Library.

A special thank you to the Culver Family for their generosity and continued support of the exhibition.

New Business:

Officer Positions:

Motion by M. Dayton. Second, C. Place to nominate Taylor Sutherland as Chair of the DDA. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by C. Place. Second, D. McGuire to nominate Michelle Dayton as Vice Chair of the DDA. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by D. McGuire. Second, C. Place to nominate Tracy Lareau as Secretary of the DDA. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by C. Place. Second, M. Dayton to nominate Dave Gajda as Treasurer of the DDA. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Miscellaneous Business of the Authority Board:

The upcoming “Block Party” scheduled for April 29, 2023 was discussed. It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled with Short’s to work through the details to determine what The Buy Local Business Group can do to be a part of the event.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Thayer Lane will become a one way street from M-88 to Birch Street. BC Pizza will be going in next door to M-88 Morning Grind.

Adjourn:

Motion by M. Dayton to adjourn meeting. Second, C. Place. Meeting adjourned by D. Hoyt at 10:12 am. Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Approved: Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Meeting minutes compiled by D. McGuire