

Village of Bellaire
Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
January 25, 2023

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Chair D. Hoyt at 9:00 am.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Attendance:

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

Members absent: Dave Gajda

Public present via Zoom: Dave Gajda

Public present: Michael Belanger, Jean Bedell, Brenda Fink, Laretta Forester, Elizabeth Kantzer, Shana Minish

Consent Agenda:

Motion by T. Lareau to approve consent agenda. Second, D. Seman. 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. Tickets are \$10.00. April will be the *Flip Flops and Flamingos* event. The social district conversation continues. Reviewing flags for the light poles.

Village Update:

The DPW has hired a new employee. Ball fields look great and the fencing is complete. Planning for Phase II fundraising will begin to cover the cost of the dugouts. New restaurant will be built next to the M-88 Morning Grind. The Spillway project located off Broad Street will have 10 different rental cabins.

Public Wifi:

No new updates.

DDA Parking Committee:

T. Sutherland will get estimates for parking survey. Stop sign will be placed at alley way at Broad Street.

Outdoor Art:

The Grants Committee met with Caren Culver, Andi Gerring and Jean Bedell to review the Charles Culver paintings. The Committee selected 12 from the 21 that were submitted. Caren provided a sample for the audio tour. M. Dayton presented a sample brochure. Two other images were suggested for the cover. She will have a mock up created for the next meeting. M. Dayton has also spoken with the Rotary regarding a sponsorship of the Charles Culver Exhibit.

T. Lareau stated that we are still waiting on a response from the Arts Council regarding the Mini Arts Grant. T. Lareau provided an update from the College for Creative Studies. They will be hosting an Alumni Reception on August 19th to introduce the Charles Culver Exhibition to the attendees. Thank you to the College for Creative Studies for their generous donation to support this exhibition.

The Committee proposed that the next DDA Meet and Greet be held on Monday, May 15th to introduce the exhibition project.

Motion by M. Dayton that the next Meet and Greet be held on Monday, May 15th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm to introduce the Charles Culver Exhibition. Second, C. Place. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by D. Seman to forward the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$140.00 to the Village for approval. Second, C. Place. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

New Business:**DDA Applicant Interviews:**

Motion by C. Place to move to Executive Session to review candidates. Second, M. Dayton. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by D. Bennett to rise and report from Executive Session. In Executive Session we discussed personnel matters and interviewed for the position on the DDA and that we then vote by paper ballot. Second, T. Lareau. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Board Vote:

Paper ballot vote conducted. Results: Shana Minish 3 votes. Michael Belanger 5 votes. Michael Belanger will be appointed to the DDA Board.

Miscellaneous Business of the Authority Board:

The Board was presented a quote for melt away to be used on the downtown sidewalks, \$2,000 for 50 - 50 lb bags. Discussion followed regarding the responsibility of the snow removal on the downtown streets. The Board is appreciative of the work that the DPW does to clean the sidewalks. D. Bennett will explore options regarding Village communication to businesses and building owners regarding sidewalk snow removal.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

A plaque was presented to Don Seman in recognition of his outstanding dedication to the DDA. He has made a difference.

Adjourn:

Motion by M. Dayton to adjourn meeting. Second, C. Place. Meeting adjourned by D. Hoyt at 10:35 am. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Approved February 22, 2023

Meeting minutes compiled by D. McGuire