

CITY OF COOPERSVILLE
REGULAR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
Coopersville City Hall; 289 Danforth Street, Coopersville, Michigan

MARCH 11, 2014

Chairman Koch called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M.

Present

Board member Cooper
Board member DeJong
Board member Du Pilka
Board member O'Dea
Board member Slater

Board member Veldman
Chairman Pro Tempore Verseput
Chairman Bob Koch
Director Patrick

Absent

Board member Hanenburg
Board member Spoelman
Board member Schmidt

Marketing Director Richardson

Pro Tempore Verseput moved to approve the agenda as corrected after removing item 7. (D). Board member Slater seconded. Motion carried.

Pro Tempore Verseput moved to approve the February 11, 2014 regular meeting minutes. Board member Slater seconded, motion carried.

Chairman Koch opened the floor to citizen input and suggestions. There were none.

Discussion ensued on prioritizing the list of projects supplied by Director Patrick. He noted that he will be preparing and submitting an RFP for the installation of new sidewalk paver's downtown and that he has received the drawings for the construction on Randall Street, north and south side, and that the new drawings now show trees, electrical and water connections. Mr. Patrick also stated that there will be sidewalks on the south side of Randall up to 64th Avenue. Board member DeJong inquired as to what size (width) the sidewalks would be and requested for the City to consider them to be large enough for two (2) persons to pass each other on them on bicycles, walking, etc.

Board member Du Pilka moved to approve the project list as presented and approves the DDA Director to proceed with the first (rated 1-4) four items on the list and to address the remaining list of items as the budget allows. Board member DeJong seconded. Motion carried.

Director Steven Patrick updated the Board members on the Personal Property Tax Reform and Local Revenue Stabilization Package.

Director Steven Patrick informed the Board members that the City's Assessor is still calculating final figures for the new budget and as soon as that is complete he will have a draft of the new budget for them to review.

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Board member Cooper moved to receive and file the March Information Packet which consists of: MLive 3/4/14 article, "What's causing delay in Trader Joe's Whole Foods coming to Grand Rapids; Grand Rapids Business Journal 1/24/14 article, "Breweries find themselves at center of neighborhood development; City Council meeting minutes of 2/10/14 and draft 2/24/14; Draft Planning Commission minutes of 2/17/14; Permits issued for February. Board member Verseput seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Koch again opened the floor for citizen comments. There were none.

Director Patrick gave an update on the Entrepreneurial Breakfast he attended last Friday stating further that the event was very informative and thanked Greg Slater and Greg DeJong for inviting him to this event. Mr. Patrick also spoke briefly on the Wall Street Journal Article, "Asian Demand for Milk Shakes Up Market" that he presented to the Board members.

Pro Tempore Verseput moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Cooper seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 P.M.

Chairman Bob Koch

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