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Meeting Minutes

Downtown Development Authority

Tuesday, January 24th, 2023 – 3:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

989-754-8222

- I. **Call to Order-** Vice Chair Michael Hanley called the meeting to order at 3:43 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** – Rachel Murdock took roll
Members Present: Michael Hanley, Dawn Goodrow, Tim Morales, Amy Spadafore, Herb Spence, Eric Tankersley, Dennis Whalen and Demiyah Barlow
Staff Present: Tom Miller, Steve Hensley, and Rachel Murdock
- III. **Public Comment** – None
- IV. **Approval of Minutes- Tuesday, November 22nd, 2022**
Motion by Board Member Whalen, supported by Board Member Tankersley, to approve the November 22nd, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion approved.
- V. **New Business**
 - a. **TIF Plan**
Miller gave an update and shared that a meeting with the City and council members will take place to review amendments and will follow up with the DDA board at the February meeting with more details.
 - b. **Introducing New SFI Staff Member, Steve Hensley**
Steve Hensley is the Community and Economic Development Director for Saginaw Future Inc. Steve’s primary areas of responsibility include working with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), as well as Business Retention and Expansion - Corporate Watch Program.

Steve is an experienced business leader and lifelong resident of Saginaw County with an accomplished background in banking, business development and communications. Throughout Steve’s career, he has cultivated and fostered relationships through community engagement. Prior to joining Saginaw Future, Inc., Steve directed and facilitated the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Network, leveraging community stakeholders through strategic partnerships while developing new and progressive ways to improve talent attraction and retention efforts throughout Saginaw County.
- VI. **Old Business-** None
- VII. **DDA Funded Activities**
 - a. **Special Events**

Murdock provided a copy of the DDA's Special Event Sponsorship Committee meeting minutes from Monday, November 7th 2022. There is a total of 7 special events being requested for support, 6 the committee agreed to support totaling \$7,250 from the DDA's special event sponsorship fund. If approved, the special event fund will have a remaining balance of \$4,500.

The applicants are:

SVRC Marketplace Kids and Kisses- February 18th 2023 - \$500

Saginaw Soup Pitch Competition- May 4th 2023- \$1,250

PRIDE- Memorial Day Parade- May 29th 2023- \$1,500

Historical Society of Saginaw County Jazz on Jefferson- June 7th 2023- \$1,000

Choral Society Pans in the Park- June 28th 2023- \$1,000

Old Town Saginaw Association Easter Egg Hunt- April 8th 2023- \$2,000

Motion by Board Member Tankersley supported by Board Member Spence to approve resolution for the special events request of \$7,250 from the DDA's special event sponsorship fund. Motion approved.

Member Spadafore requested the DDA board to recognize a \$2,000-line item for Saginaw Soup in the budget moving forward. Motion by Board Member Morales, supported by Board Member Goodrow to support the \$2,000 Saginaw Soup line item in the DDA Budget. Motion approved.

VIII. Projects-

- a. Huntington Bank building update** – Miller provided an update on Michigan Community Capital's activities related to the purchase and redevelopment of the Huntington Bank Building in Downtown Saginaw. A brownfield plan was secured and the DDA's tax capture was subordinated. The project is estimated to be upwards of \$53m to develop and is expected to be a 150-unit, mixed-use facility. MCC is currently securing financing and applying for tax credits.
- b. MI Garage LLC** – Miller reported that this project is actually one block beyond the DDA boundaries and was formerly a used car lot. It will be renovated into a marijuana dispensary.
- c. Jacobson Building-** Miller reported that a new roof is going onto the building.
- d. Saginaw United – School Building-** Miller reported the project is continuing to move forward and that steel is going up and the building will continue to take shape over the next few months.

IX. Other Reports/Discussion – Hensley provided an update on the Match on Main grant program and provided members with an informational fact sheet. Please keep this in mind when hearing about potential new businesses and projects in the area. The grant submission deadline is February 24th 2023 with awardees announced the week of April 3rd 2023.

X. Announcements/Miscellaneous – Board Member Morales shared that the Saginaw Spirit Hockey Club has submitted a bid for the hosting rights of the 2024 Memorial Cup presented by Kia. This event is bigger than the Stanley Cup and would be a great opportunity for Saginaw and our entire state. A county meeting with the CVB, county and city representatives will take place to discuss these details. Board Member Spence mentioned it being a good idea to invest in the Dow event

center in ways that would be long-lasting, encouraging the facilitating of more future events if the building is updated and improved where needed.

Board member Spadafore shared the new shows occurring in February and also that they are raffling tickets for \$60 each to enter a drawing to win a free trip to New York with \$2,000 for spending money.

XI. Next Meeting- Tuesday, February 28th 2022

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Whalen, supported by Mr. Spence to adjourn the meeting at 4:17pm. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Murdock
Executive Assistant and Projects Coordinator
Saginaw Future Inc.