



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 – 3:30 p.m. | Council Chambers | 989-754-8222

- I. **Call to Order-** Vice Chairman Mike Hanley called the meeting to order at 3:33pm
- II. **Roll Call** – Rachel Murdock took roll
Members Present: Mike Hanley, Dawn Goodrow, Darrick Huff, John Markey, Amy Spadafore, Herb Spence, Eric Tankersley, Adam Tompa, and Dennis Whalen
Staff Present: Tom Miller, Steve Hensley, Rachel Murdock and Cassi Zimmerman.
- III. **Public Comment** – None
- IV. **Approval of Minutes- Tuesday, April 25th, 2023**
Motion by Board Member Spence, supported by Board Member Tompa, to approve the April 25th 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved.
- V. **New Business-** None
- VI. **DDA Funded Activities**
 - a. **Special Events Update**
Hensley provided an update on the four applications for special event funding and the recommendations discussed with the DDA's Special Events Committee.
 1. Original Old Town Saginaw Art Fair 2023, requesting \$1,600 dollars with the event occurring June 8th and 9th.
 2. Juneteenth Celebration, requesting \$10,000 dollars with the event occurring June 17th.
 3. Positive Results Downtown Saginaw Friday Night Live events, requesting \$5,000 with the event being a six-week series occurring July 14th thru August 18th.
 4. Kickball Community Event requesting \$10,000 with the event occurring August 18th thru August 20th.

Hensley shared the Special Event Committee's recommendation to focus on the two events occurring within the current fiscal year, using its remaining funds of \$3,500 and saving the Friday Night Live and Kickball events for next year's fiscal budget starting July 2023. The Special Event Committee recommended giving The Original Old Town Saginaw Art Fair their requested \$1,600 and the Juneteenth Celebration the remaining \$1,900 dollars. Motion by board member Spadafore, supported by board member Morales, to approve these recommendations. Motion approved.

VII. Projects

a. Huntington Bank

Miller provided an update regarding the Huntington Bank project. They are in communication currently waiting for demolition funds and awaiting the Governor's budget to know if the funds requested to the state were approved.

b. Saginaw United- School Building

Miller provided an update that the Saginaw United School will be applying for an EGLE grant soon. This project could use more support with inflation and rising costs of materials. The EGLE grant could cover costs with the continued school build as well as the Mosquito Control building demolition. Miller also explained that the school did obtain the title needed to move forward with the Mosquito Control building. More details will be provided at the next meeting.

Board Member Goodrow asked why the testing wasn't done prior to the start of the building of the project regarding environmental concerns. Miller explained environmental assessments are done 90 days after the purchase of the land. Some were done prior but all were aware that some things were going to be found on the Saginaw Riverfront. Ongoing testing will always be occurring.

Miller explained EGLE and AKT Peerless continue to go over the details of the grant application and requested a motion to approve the Chairman to sign the application once it is prepared. Board Member Morales asked if the testing for the current sight of the Saginaw United School has gone through. Miller explained that it has but the neighboring sights have environmental impact on the sight as well so the testing process has various complexities. Motion by Board Member Spence, supported by Board Member Spadafore, to approve the Chairman signing the grant application once it is prepared. Motion approved.

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business – None

X. Other Reports/Discussions

a. Parking Lot Lighting Needed

Miller provided an update from Sherriff Dept who has concerns over the parking lot off Hamilton and Court Street. It gets very dark after midnight when business lights turn off. Miller suggested specific lights to help light this area and requested a motion for \$1200 dollars from the DDA's special fund to update that area, providing police camera visibility. This would provide six cameras, \$200 a piece. Motion from Board Member Whalen, support from Board Member Huff, to support the purchase of these cameras for \$1,200 dollars. Motion approved. Board Member Spadafore wanted to clarify that this \$1,200 is indeed in our DDA budget. Miller confirmed the funds are in the DDA budget.

b. TIF Plan

Miller provided an update that he is working with Rob Hansen on preparing the TIF plan updates and amendments. Miller will be providing those details in the future with the DDA Board.

c. Memorial Cup

Miller provided an update and shared that he attended the annual golf fundraising event hosted by the Tri-Start Trust Bank at Horizons in Saginaw. This year they had the president of the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) as their speaker. Miller was able to speak with him learning that he was the NBA Canada and NBA Europe president, including NBA Africa and Asia, and worked under David Stern. Many community happenings and planning activities for Memorial Cup season will be coming soon. Board Member Spadafore shared she would be interested in being a part of the group that focuses on planning events for the two weeks of the Memorial Cup. Miller will continue to keep the DDA Board updated, reminding the Board that July 1st is when we would move all funds to one general fund. This will help utilize DDA funds in a simplified way for the Memorial Cup and other DDA supported projects and events. Board Member Goodrow mentioned DSA and working with them as well when coming together for Memorial Cup week events.

XI. Other Reports/Discussions

Board Member Spadafore shared the Pit and Balcony are looking for corporate sponsorships, and provided the DDA board with handouts of information.

XII. Next Meeting- Tuesday, June 27th 2023- 3:30pm

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Board Member Whalen, supported by Board Member Huff to adjourn the meeting at 3:34pm. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Murdock
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Saginaw Future Inc.