



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 27th, 2023 – 3:30 p.m. | Council Chambers | 989-754-8222

- I. Call to Order-** Chairman Basil called the meeting to order at 3:30pm
- II. Roll Call –** Rachel Murdock took roll
Members Present: Tom Basil, Mike Hanley, Dawn Goodrow, John Markey, Tim Morales, Todd Gregory, Jim Hill, Herb Spence, Amy Spadafore, Herb Spence, Eric Tankersley, and Dennis Whalen
Staff Present: Tom Miller, Steve Hensley, Rachel Murdock and Cassi Zimmerman.
- III. Public Comment –**
Mr. Alex Deperay spoke on behalf of the Old Town Association. He spoke in support of the beautification and weed control efforts being done as preparation for the Memorial Cup takes place. Spadafore asked if there were specific areas that need to be addressed in regards to weed control. Mr. Deperay felt that the majority of old town needs it.

Goodrow gave public comment on behalf of the DSA and requested more funding allocated for weed control in other areas of Saginaw as well.
- IV. Approval of Minutes- Tuesday, May 22nd, 2023**
Motion by Board Member Hanley, supported by Board Member Hill, to approve the May 22nd 2023 meeting minutes. Motion approved.
- V. New Business-** None
- VI. DDA Funded Activities**
a. Special Events Update
Hensley provided an update on the two applications for special event funding and the recommendations discussed with the DDA's Special Events Committee.
 1. 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.
 2. Kickball Community Event requesting \$10,000 with the event occurring August 18th thru August 20th.
Hensley shared the Special Event Committee's The committee recommended awarding Pride Friday Night Live with a \$2,500 special event grant, and the Peace and Unity Kickball tournament with a \$1,000 special event grant. Motion by board member Hanley, 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. There is a state budget meeting occurring, Wednesday, June 28th. Huntington is still waiting for the proposed state budget.

b. Saginaw United- School Building

Miller provided an update on the United School building regarding the EGLE Grant. The state did award 1 million dollars to the school project. It is our role to submit pay roll and quarterly requests on time to the state. Tankersley asked if all the time spent working on the reports and such were included in the administration fees. Miller confirmed they are. Spadafore asked how much was being requested in the EGLE grant. Miller said 1 million and will also be selecting a consultant to assist in the oversight of the project and disposition of the grant money. Spence made a motion to send a letter of support for this grant, supported by Hanley. Goodrow apposed. Motion approved.

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business – Weed Control Quote

Hensley will be obtaining more quotes for weed control and took note of suggestions from the DDA board. Regarding weed abatement, clean ups, other things to clean up downtown area- Miller mentioned SFI staff will be meeting with Yolanda Bland in July to review the budget and can bring proposals to the DDA board at the August meeting.

Spadafore asked for one more quote before moving forward. Hensley confirmed he has reached out to a few others to provide more options and will report to the board. Gregory suggested looking into large lawn service companies in the area. Hill reminded the board that round up prices have gone up as well.

X. Other Reports/Discussions

a. 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 and asked the board to send any ideas for the TIF plan to Hensley or himself as they begin to finalize. Miller explained 140,000 will be carried over into the general fund and will need to know how the DDA board wants to move forward with that and planning a budget for those funds when the time comes.

b. Memorial Cup

Miller provided an update on the Memorial Cup and mentioned the CVB is good at pushing projects along. Symphony Lane will be built up for food carts, so redoing the street. Good example of a project that will last long after the Memorial Cup. The city is paying for this specific project. There is also work being done on other street in the area in the downtown Saginaw. Riverfront Gateway project is something the city is also working on, they are managing the project to get it done before the Memorial Cup and is being paid by the ARPA funds.

Zimmerman explained they are re-paving a lot of area parking lots, and adding a park in the area, getting new benches, fixing gates and enforcing building codes. The Tuscola ally way was redone, the plan is to extend that into the rest of what was Tuscola alley way and would go into the Delta building. They are tearing out and re-seeding with grass and providing a walking area.

XI. Other Reports/Discussions

Lovely Nails Building- Miller gave an update regarding the Lovely Nails building complaints and explained we do not own the building. Miller is looking for a contractor that could help fix up the building. The cost is going to be the man hours it takes to take down the façade. Miller is going to get more information and will bring it back to the board to decide whether it's a priority or not.

Saginaw PR- Member Gregory brought up the shooting in Saginaw that recently occurred and that it is not the publicity that Saginaw should be getting, especially with the Memorial Cup coming up and the shooting being near the Dow area. Gregory asked if we could start a positive promo campaign of all the work and updates happening within the area.

Miller explained there are groups of people, all ages, every weekend, that are going from parking lot to parking lot and have been dealing for multiple years- it started in 2020 and got worse after. Once the police do disperse the crowd they go to another place. Morales mentioned needing more community groups that would be proactive. The Mayor is going to be meeting with a few of these types of groups as well to help.

Gregory re-iterated that with everything we are going to do in the next 9 months in regards to the Memorial Cup, how can we push more positive info out there. Spadafore said we need a budget for PR in our DDA budget. Miller confirmed we will add that to the DDA priority list.

XII. Next Meeting- REMINDER NO JULY MEETING- Tuesday, August 22nd 2023- 3:30pm

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Board Member Whalen, supported by Board Member Hanley to adjourn the meeting at 4:27pm. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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