



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 25th, 2024 – 3:30 p.m. | Council Chambers | 989-754-8222

- I. **Call to Order** – Secretary John Markey called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call** – Rachel Morneau took roll
Members Present: John Markey, Amy Spadafore, Herb Spence, Eric Tankersley, Adam Tompa, Dennis Whalen, and Tim Morales.
Staff Present: Rachel Morneau, Tom Miller, and Steve Hensley
- III. **Approval of Minutes- Tuesday, May 21st, 2024**
Motion by Board Member Tankersley, supported by Board Member Markey, to approve the May 21st, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion approved.
- IV. **DDA Façade Grants**
Hensley shared a summary of the three façade grant applications and the recommendations made by the DDA Façade Grant Program Committee:
 1. 524 S. Franklin St. (A.C. Klopff) – Exterior remodel, siding, windows, doors, awnings. \$79,589.00 requested. The Façade committee recommended \$10,000 approval.
 2. 1126 N. Michigan Ave. (TempleArts) – Exterior signage, wall/window wraps. \$2,907 requested. The Façade committee recommended presenting it to the board for further discussion.
 3. 527 Ezra Rust Dr. (Japanese Cultural Center) – Repairs include Washington Ave., road sign and Ezra Rust Dr., entrance gate. \$4,700 requested. The Façade committee recommended presenting it to the board for further discussion.

There was discussion regarding non-profit organizations continuing to qualify for façade grant funding. It was agreed upon by the DDA board that non-profit organizations that support the community may apply for a façade grant within the DDA so long as a project meets the program criteria with the only exception being religious or political affiliation.

Motion by Board Member Morales, supported by Board Member Tompa to approve the recommendation of \$10,000 for AC Klopff. Motion approved. Dennis Whalen abstained.

Motion by Board Member Morales, supported by Spadafore, to fund 50% of the Japanese Cultural Center and TempleArts requested grants, respectively. These funds would equate to \$2,350 for the Japanese Cultural Center and \$1,453 for the TempleArts. Motion approved.

Board Member Tankersley noted this leaves approximately \$6,200 remaining in the Façade Grant budget for the remainder of the budget year.

V. Announcements/Miscellaneous

Glen Steffens from STARS presented a report to the DDA Board regarding the work done and ridership data throughout the Memorial Cup event. Further updates and information will be shared as STARS works to improve their services based on the information and feedback received.

VI. Next Meeting- NO JULY MEETING, Tuesday, August 27th, 2024- 3:30pm

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Board Member Spadafore, supported by Board Member Spence to adjourn the meeting at 4:16pm. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Morneau
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