

City of Hastings
Downtown Development Authority
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2024

1. Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call—

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Hatfield.

Roll Call –

Present: Albrecht, Baker, Button, Hatfield, Tossava

Absent: Peterson, Ulberg, Wiswell. Woods

City Staff and Appointees: King, Hoke, Ponsetto, Resseguie

Others Present: Megan Lavell, Thornapple Arts Council

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda –

Motion by Tossava, second, by Button, to approve the agenda as presented.

All ayes, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes -

Motion by Button, second by Tossava, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2024, DDA meeting.

All ayes, motion carried.

5. Financial Statements & Budget for Review –

King said the budget data has been updated through January 31, 2024.

6. Façade and BEIG Update-

King said the façade grant spreadsheet has been updated through January 31, 2024. The BEIG spreadsheet is updated quarterly with the next update scheduled for the April meeting.

7. Open Public Comment and Discussion – None

8. Old Business-

A. Streetscape Flower Bid Update—

King said he had spoken with Bob Cotant, who said they plan on doing the work and have already ordered the material for the base of the hanging baskets.

9. New Business

A. Thornapple Arts Council Request—

Motion by Tossava, second by Button to approve the expenditure of \$5,925, for support of the Thornapple Arts Council in the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

Ayes: Albrecht, Baker, Button, Tossava

Nays: Hatfield

Absent: Peterson, Ulberg, Wiswell, Woods

Motion carried 4 to 1.

B. Sculpture Selection Timetable—

Hoke gave DDA members a brief synopsis of the timeline of the sculpture selection process for the 2024/2025 downtown sculpture exhibit.

C. Fair Booth Expenditure—

It was the consensus of the board to expend the \$147.00, which is one-third of the rental fee for a booth at the 2024 Barry County Fair. The fee and booth will be shared with Thornapple Township and the Village of Middleville.

10. DDA Member Comment –

Tossava said that he would like staff to contact Michigan Trails Magazine to ensure that the City receives several boxes of the magazine for local distribution in 2024.

Button said she would like the artwork on the City's upcoming billboard to be changed.

Albrecht said that some of the downtown merchants were holding a retirement party for their longtime UPS driver.

11. Open Public Comment and Discussion – None

12. Adjournment

Motion by Baker, second by Tossava, to adjourn.

All ayes, motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

Deb Hatfield, Acting Chair

Deb Button, Secretary

Prepared by: Sandra Ponsetto, City of Hastings