

City of Hastings
Downtown Development Authority
DRAFT Special Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2023

1. Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call—

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Woods

Roll Call –

Present: Albrecht, Baker, Button, Hatfield, Tossava, Wiswell, Woods

Absent: Bolthouse, Ulberg

City Staff and Appointees: King, Moyer-Cale, Nesbitt, Merrick, Tate

Others Present: None

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda –

Motion by Wiswell, second by Hatfield to approve the agenda as presented

All ayes, motion carried

4. Open Public Discussion and Comments- None

5. Old Business- Receive Progress Update on Streetscape

Hatfield commented that the City acquired the southwest corner of Hanover and Green Street with the possible intention of placing a welcome sign and wayfinding to the Central Business District on that corner.

The board discussed the planting of perennials and the importance of placing plants in the beds that flourish in either sunny or shady conditions. A question was posed whether street banners will return to the poles in the downtown area. Due to the addition of hanging baskets, banners will not be placed on downtown poles. The board questioned how the annual maintenance of both the beds, pots, and hanging baskets will be handled. Staff will pursue different options which could include finding a landscape/nursery to contract with for maintenance. The board prefers not to have “Creeping Charlie” in the beds due to the invasive nature of the plants. Staff will communicate this to MCSA.

King stated he will forward the most recent streetscape plans and the preliminary plans from CopperRock for the project at the former Royal Coach site.

6. New Business-None

7. DDA Member Comment – None

8. Open Public Comment and Discussion

King stated the Planning Commission conducted a preliminary site plan review for CopperRock Construction at the June 5, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. CopperRock is proposing a 130-unit market rate mixed use residential development on the site of the former Royal Coach site as well as the contiguous parcel to the west. Planning Commission set a public hearing for the July 3, 2023 meeting to conduct a final site plan review and PUD rezoning for the parcels.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Hatfield, second by Wiswell, to adjourn

All ayes, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Patty Woods, Chair

Deb Button, Secretary

Prepared by: Dan King, City of Hastings