

City of Hastings
Downtown Development Authority

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Nov. 21, 2024

1. Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call—

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Woods

Roll Call –

Present: Albrecht, Baker, Button, Hatfield, Peterson, Tossava, Ulberg, Wiswell, Woods, Ava Patterson (Student Member)

Absent:

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

Others Present: Carl Schoessel

Woods introduced the DDA's new student member, Ava Patterson.

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda –

Woods added a request of \$2,000.00 in support for the Hastings New Year's Eve Ball Drop from organizer Carl Schoessel as item D. under New Business; a façade grant application in the amount of \$5,266.00 for 228 N. Jefferson Street, as item E. under New Business, and a façade grant request in the amount of \$5,560, for 502 W. State as item F., under New Business.

Motion by Wiswell, second by Hatfield, to approve the agenda as amended.

All ayes, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes –

Motion by Tossava, second by Baker, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024, regular meeting and October 29, 2024, special meeting, as presented.

All ayes, motion carried.

5. Financial Statements & Budget for Review –

King said the financial statement and budget review had been updated through October 31, 2024, and Local Community Stabilization Authority funds have been received.

6. Façade and BEIG Update-

King said the façade grant spreadsheet has been updated through October 31, 2024; and gave a brief update on the status of current façade grants.

7. Open Public Comment and Discussion – None

8. Old Business- None

9. New Business

A. Conduct Second PA 57 of 2018 Informational Meeting-

King said the informational meeting had been duly noticed and held and gave a brief explanation of why the biannual meeting is required.

B. Consider Cancelling the Dec. 19, 2024, Meeting—

Motion by Wiswell, second by Baker, to cancel the December 19, 2024, meeting of the DDA unless there is pressing business.

All ayes, motion carried.

C. Establish the Meeting Schedule for 2025—

Motion by Hatfield, second by Baker, to set 8 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month as the regular meeting time and date for the DDA in 2025.

All ayes, motion carried.

D. Request for Support for 2024 New Year Year's Eve Ball Drop—

Motion by Tossava, second by Baker, to approve a request from Carl Schoessel for \$2,000.00 support for the annual New Year's Eve Ball Drop in downtown Hastings.

Ayes: Albrecht, Baker, Button, Hatfield, Peterson, Tossava, Ulberg Wiswell, Woods

Nays:

Absent:

All ayes, motion carried.

E. Façade Grant Application for 228 N. Jefferson Street, Riverwalk Café—

Motion by Tossava, second by Baker, to approve a façade grant application in the amount of \$5,266.00 for 228 N. Jefferson Street.

Ayes: Albrecht, Baker, Hatfield, Peterson, Tossava, Ulberg, Wiswell, Woods

Nays: Button

Absent:

Vote 8 to 1, motion carried

F. Façade Grant Application for 502 W. State Street--

Motion by Wiswell, second by Hatfield, to table consideration of the application until the January 16, 2025, DDA meeting to allow staff to investigate whether short term rentals are allowed in the DDA district.

All ayes, motion carried.

10. DDA Member Comment –

Woods introduced discussion about Christmas planters in the Downtown Business District and asked about the type of salt business owners needed to use to preserve the new streetscape sidewalks.

Motion by Wiswell, second by Baker, to approve up to \$300 for staff to purchase and distribute bags of approved salt to downtown business owners.

Ayes: Albrecht, Baker, Hatfield, Peterson, Tossava, Ulberg, Wiswell, Woods

Nays:

Abstain: Button

Absent:

All ayes, motion carried.

Button said the seasonal digital billboard is beautiful

Board members discussed, and directed staff to investigate, one-way traffic on S. Jefferson St. and pricing for replacing streetlights on S. Jefferson Street

11. Open Public Comment and Discussion – None

12. Adjournment

Motion by Hatfield, second by Wiswell, to adjourn

All ayes, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Patty Woods, Chair

Deb Button, Secretary

Prepared by: Sandra Ponsetto, City of Hastings