



Charter Township of Meridian
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, February 3, 2020 – Minutes

Members

Present: Susan Fulk, Peter Campbell, Will Randle, Jim Spanos, Bill Cawood, Tom Stanko and Renee Korrey

Members

Absent: Jim Raynak, Scott Weaver, and Supervisor Ron Styka

Staff

Present: Community Planning & Development Director Mark Kieselbach, Economic Development Director Chris Buck, Township Manager Frank L. Walsh, and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

Others

Present: None

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Fulk called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CAWOOD. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2019

MOTION BY MEMBER RANDLE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CAMPBELL. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Member Spanos questioned tax payer dollars spent on development of Haslett Village Square. Director Buck stated that the dollars to fund the study were received from a grant.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff provided a summary update on the December 2019 and January 2020 Financial Report. Report on file.

6. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS

a. Reviewed two Consumers Energy bills 12.2019 and 1.2020 totaling \$303.80.

MOTION BY MEMBER KORREY TO APPROVE THE CONSUMERS ENERGY BILLS OF \$303.80. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Village of Okemos Progress Report

Member Randle reported progress is being made behind the scenes. They are looking to lengthen the DDA TIF and planning a meeting with the Road Commission next week to discuss federal funding for the road project. He is still planning on a spring/summer start of demo and construction.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. DDA Annual Report

Discussed the 2019 Annual Report that needs to be filed with the state in the next few months.

9. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Township Manager Walsh reported on behalf of Supervisor Styka the following:

- The Marketplace on the Green project is underway
- Tomorrow is the public hearing for the Haslett Village Square Senior Housing Plan
- 26 miles of the Local Road Plan is underway
- Economic Development Director search is underway
- 2 Medical Marihuana dispensaries will be coming to the Board in the coming weeks
- Harris Nature Center is building new restrooms
- Working on a \$2 million municipal building HVAC project
- Announcement for police accreditation will come in the next few weeks

10. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning Commissioner Peter Trezise provided a summary of recent Planning Commission activities.

11. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Fulk reported that she and Member Korrey attended the Joint Meeting of the Board and Commissions last week. Also, announced her appreciation for Director Buck's leadership and support to the DDA over the last two and a half years.

12. STAFF REPORT

Director Buck reported that the following stores are closing at the Meridian Mall-Hallmark, Old Navy and Express. Anna's House is coming to the old Pizza Hut building this summer. Information will be coming in the next few months regarding tenants for the old drive in and the old toys r us building. Phase 2 of the Elevation is underway including a small fresh market, fitness center and a pub/restaurant to open in August.

13. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

None.

14. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE

a. March 2, 2020, 7:30am

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection at 8: 35 am.