

Charter Township of Meridian
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, June 26, 2017 – Minutes

Members

Present: Sherry Fisher, Bill Cawood, Susan Fulk, Jim Spanos, Jim Raynak, Supervisor Ron Styka

Members

Absent: Scott Weaver, Renee Korrey

Staff

Present: Assistant Township Manager Derek Perry, Senior Planner Peter Menser, Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

Others

Present: Dennis and Karen Rich

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Raynak called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER FULK TO APPROVE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER CAWOOD. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Residents of 40 years spoke about what can be accomplished for the Downtown area. Specifically, they inquired about what plans the DDA is working on for the old MARC building.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2017

MOTION BY MEMBER CAWOOD TO APPROVE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER FISHER. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

5. AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS

MOTION BY MEMBER FULK TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER FISHER. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. May 2017 Financial Report

Staff provided a summary update on the May 2017 Financial Report. Report on file.

- b. Discussion was had regarding moving the \$17,480.35 in the Cash-Celebrate line to the Cash line.

MOTION BY MEMBER FULK TO MOVE THE CASH FROM THE CELEBRATE LINE TO THE REGULAR CASH LINE. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER SPANOS. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Daylilies along Okemos Road/Hamilton Road-the Township mowed the daylilies. Discussion was had on what would be the best plan moving forward. The group agreed to make a final decision at the next meeting.
- b. MARC Building-Discussion was had about "What can the Township do?" Staff suggested sending a letter from the DDA to Evergreen Properties with the property maintenance code infractions would be the best avenue. Also, including citizen and public comments.

MOTION BY MEMBER FULK TO MOVE TO DRAFT A LETTER TO EVERGREEN PROPERTIES REGARDING THE OLD MARC PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND GRASS CODE INFRACTIONS. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER FISHER. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

8. STAFF REPORT

- a. Ben Motil, Economic Development Coordinator resigned and moved back to the Greater St. Louis area.
- b. Chris Buck has been contracted by the Township through August 31st to work on economic development for Downtown Okemos and the Haslett Village Square areas.

9. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Celebrate Meridian is coming up this Saturday, July 1st.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection at 7:59 a.m.

Jim Raynak, Chairperson