

City of Allegan
Downtown Development Authority Meeting
Griswold Auditorium
401 Hubbard Street
Allegan, MI 49010

January 28, 2013

I. Call to Order

Chairperson C. Banks called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

II. Attendance

Present: Colleen Banks, Linda Clark, Deb Leverage, Lovedia Stap, Rachel McKenzie, Cynthia Langhorst, Tom Hardin, Wendy Raymond, Marcia Wagner, Betty McDaniel, Larry Ross, Mike Villar, Delora Andrus

Absent: -----

Others Present: Robert Hillard

III. Minutes of the DDA meeting to be held on December 5, 2012

Linda Clark, supported by Cynthia Langhorst, made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 5, 2012. Motion passed by acclamation.

IV. Old Business

A. 2012 Winter Tax Bill - Brady Street Building

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) discussed the 2012 Winter Tax Bill, and the tax exempt status of the Children's Museum. Since the transfer of ownership was delayed, and the Children's Museum did not expect the tax bill, the DDA was asked to pay the tax bill, since it was the DDA/City property tax status which created the tax liability. A variety of questions were asked about the agreement, including Section 9, and the future of the museum. Mary Kasprzyk, Director of the Museum, answered a variety of questions and outlined the future plans of the Museum. Lovedia Stap, supported by Linda Clark, made a motion to pay the 2012 Winter Tax Bill (amending Section 9). Motion passed with the following vote: Colleen Banks-Y, Linda Clark-Y, Deb Leverage-N, Lovedia Stap-Y, Rachel McKenzie-N, Cynthia Langhorst-N, Tom Hardin-Y, Wendy Raymond-Y, Marcia Wagner-Y, Betty McDaniel-Y, Larry Ross-Y, Mike Villar-Y, Delora Andrus-Y. Tom Hardin did express support for the project, but also concerns about a lack of financial statements presented for the project. It was indicated by **Cynthia that the financials are online, and Mary clarified by saying that their 990 is online.** The DDA thanked Mary for the effort to improve downtown and are excited about the Children's Museum relocating in Downtown Allegan, and made some suggestions about fundraising.

B. State Grant for Façade Grant

Sarah Murray from Abonmarche presented the State grant idea for Façade funding for downtown buildings and support along the riverfront and DDA. The DDA discussed the program, the need to ask a minimum of the property owners to pay a small amount for a portion of the project on their property,

and discussed the process of the DDA Design and DDA Board in approval of projects, if funding is awarded by the State. Linda Clark, supported by Mike Villar, made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the submittal of the grant application to the State and the support of \$50,000 from the DDA as a match to the grant. Tom Hardin recommended that DDA increase the amount of match to assure a better chance of State approval. The DDA discussed this possibility. After additional discussion, the motion for \$50,000 was reaffirmed. Motion passed with the following vote: Colleen Banks-Y, Linda Clark-Y, Deb Leverage-Y, Lovedia Stap-Y, Rachel McKenzie-Y, Cynthia Langhorst-Y, Tom Hardin-N, Wendy Raymond-Y, Marcia Wagner-Y, Betty McDaniel-Y, Larry Ross-Y, Mike Villar-Y, Delora Andrus-Y.

V. New Business

Individual DDA members discussed a variety of great events and happenings in the Allegan Downtown and Area.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55P.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Hillard

City Manager