

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

April 11, 2013

I. Call to Order

Chairperson L. Clark called the meeting to order at 12:03pm.

II. Attendance

Present: Linda Clark, Deb Leverage, Lovedia Stap, Cynthia Langhorst, Betty McDaniel Wendy Raymond (arrived at 12:29), Delora Andrus, Mike Villar, Marcia Wagner, Colleen Banks, Larry Ross (arrived at 12:24)

Absent: Tom Hardin, Rachel McKenzie

Others Present: Robert Hillard & Lori K. Vander Clay

III. Minutes of the DDA meeting held on March 14, 2013

Lovedia Stap, supported by Deb Leverage, made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 14, 2013. Motion passed by acclamation.

IV. Old Business

A. 2013/14 Budget

City Manager Rob Hillard reviewed the proposed budget. Deb Leverage, supported by Colleen Banks, made a motion to approve the 2013/14 Budget as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

B. MSU Riverfront Design Review – April 11, 2013 -7:00pm – Griswold

City Manager Rob Hillard announced and encouraged everyone to attend.

C. Positively Allegan Website www.positivelyallegan.org

Members gave positive feedback on the new site. Marcia Wagner would like to see the Allegan Airport represented on this site. Staff will request a link from the cityofallegan.org site to the positivelyallegan.org site.

V. New Business

City Manager Rob Hillard announced he is currently soliciting Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program Downtown Development Planning Grant. This project includes the planning and summary design for the viability of a full service restaurant in a downtown building located at 213-215 Hubbard Street. He explained this grant is a 50/50 matching grant and is asking the DDA to provide the matching dollars from its budget. Colleen Banks, supported by Mike Villar, made a motion to proceed with the grant application and the DDA will match the 50/50 grant. Motion passed by acclamation.

City Manager Rob Hillard requested a Special Meeting of the DDA on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 12:00noon to re-affirm with a resolution of support.

VI. Committee Minutes and Reports

A. Budget Report

City Manager Rob Hillard shared with everyone that the Regent Fundraising Project amount is over \$50,000.00 and the \$25,000.00 pledged from the DDA once that occurred has been transferred to the Regent budget.

Linda Clark thanked Mike Villar and all the performers in Cabaret. She also announced the upcoming Art Summer Camps and thanked the City for providing the lower level of the Griswold for the camp in August.

Marcia Wagner is happy to see that Hathaway Cottage is moving to a location within the downtown.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori K. Vander Clay
Deputy City Clerk