



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

October 9, 2014

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Linda Clark called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

II. Attendance

Present: Linda Clark, Rachel McKenzie, Mike Villar, Michael Zeter, Marcia Neigebauer, Deb Leverage and Fred Jordan

Absent: Marcia Wagner, Larry Ross, Cynthia Langhorst, Delora Andrus, Wendy Raymond

Others Present: Lori K. Vander Clay, Robert Hillard

III. Minutes of the DDA meeting held on August 14, 2014

Fred Jordan, supported by Deb Leverage, made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 14, 2014. Motion carried with Rachel McKenzie abstaining.

IV. Old Business

A. Zoning Amendment – Housing on Garden Level

City Manager Rob Hillard explained that building owner, Mike Villar would like to renovate his building and occupy the garden level as living quarters. Rachel McKenzie doesn't understand why the zoning ordinance doesn't allow apartments in C-1, it should be zoned Mixed Use. Mike Zeter is in support of having owner occupied buildings. Fred Jordan stated the demand isn't there for filling the empty buildings with commercial businesses. Linda Clark is opposed to apartments in the Garden Level, however she is in favor of Mike Villar's request. Fred Jordan, supported by Mike Villar, made recommendation to City Council to change C-1 zoning to Mixed Use (Commercial and Residential (Garden Level)). A roll call vote was taken: Fred Jordan-yes; Mike Villar-yes; Marcia Neigebauer-yes; Mike Zeter-yes; Rachel McKenzie-yes; Deb Leverage-no; Linda Clark-no. Recommendation passed 5-2. City Manager Rob Hillard encouraged all members to attend the City Council meeting on Monday, October 27th.

B. Riverfront Stage Grant - \$5,000 Contribution

City Manager Rob Hillard reviewed the proposed contribution request. Fred Jordan, supported by Mike Villar, made a motion to approve the \$5,000 contribution by the DDA if the grant is received. Motion carried.

C. Allegan News – Quarterly Advertisement Program

City Manager Rob Hillard explained this is a monthly advertising program and if approved the commitment would be for three months. Fred Jordan, supported by Mike Zeter, made a motion to approve as presented. Motion carried.

D. Habitat Grant – Resolution of Support - \$3,000 Contribution

City Manager Rob Hillard reviewed the request. Deb Leverence, supported by Marcia Neigebauer, made a motion to approve the request as presented, if the grant is received. Motion carried.

V. New Business

Mike Zeter feels the need for more members on the DDA sub-committees.

Linda Clark announced the upcoming play “Afraid of the Dark” at the Griswold and the Shocktober movies at the Regent.

Deb Leverence announced the upcoming concert EG Knight on November 22nd at the Griswold.

VI. Committee Minutes and Reports

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori K. Vander Clay
Deputy City Clerk