



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

April 23, 2015

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Fred Jordan called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

II. Attendance

Present: Rachel McKenzie, Mike Zeter, Marcia Wagner, Cynthia Langhorst, Fred Jordan, Deb Leverage, Julie Schell, Delora Andrus (arrived at 12:15)

Absent: Mike Villar, Marcia Neigebauer, Larry Ross

Others Present: Lori K. Vander Clay, Robert Hillard, Kelsie King, Tony McGhee

III. Old Business

A. Brady Street Building – Restroom Grant/\$5,500 Façade Contribution

Robert Hillard reviewed the proposed plan and indicated this grant is due in May. Tony McGhee from Abonmarche presented the proposed site plan. Deb Leverage liked the idea of creating office space for a possible tenant. Marcia Wagner thinks it would be a great idea to have office space. Bringing people through the doors is always a good thing. Tony McGhee assured the committee that plans could be easily re-designed to create room for a tenant. Rachel McKenzie asked about completion date? Tony McGhee stated September.

- Deb Leverage, supported by Marcia Wagner, made a motion to approve the use of 134 Brady Street for a Visitor Center/Public Restrooms. Motion carried.
- Marcia Wagner, supported by Mike Zeter, made a motion to approve the \$5,500 for Façade Improvements to 134 Brady Street. Motion carried.
- Deb Leverage, supported by Mike Zeter, made a motion to approve the grant submittal for \$20,000 with the total project estimated between \$50,000-\$60,000. Motion carried with Delora Andrus voting no.

Delora Andrus voiced her sadness that the City didn't reach out more to help the Children's Museum in securing grants, etc. \$40,000 could have really helped their cause.

B. Total Market Analysis

Robert Hillard explained this is a Downtown Regional Housing Study through MSHDA and is due May 1st. Fred Jordan likes the idea of gathering data. Delora Andrus is in support of this because you have to start somewhere. Deb Leverage, supported by Delora Andrus, made a motion to approve the submittal of this grant request to MSHDA. Motion carried.

IV. New Business

Fred Jordan welcomed new member, Julie Schell.

Marcia Wagner commented that there are many options/requirements that the DDA could require if a tenant were to move into 134 Brady Street.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori K. Vander Clay
Deputy City Clerk