



City of Pleasant Ridge
23925 Woodward Avenue
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069

**Regular Downtown Development Authority Meeting
Monday, June 27, 2016**

Having been duly publicized, Chairman Lenko called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm

Present: Commissioner Barlow, Bolach, Christensen, Lenko, McAuliffe, McCutcheon, Schlesinger, Treuter.
Also Present: City Manager Breuckman; City Commissioner Perry.
Absent: Commissioner O'Brien.

Minutes

DDA-2016-1520

Motion by Bolach, second by Schlesinger, to approve the Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes of Monday, April 25, 2016.

Adopted: Yeas: Bolach, Schlesinger, Barlow, McCutcheon, Christensen, Treuter, McAuliffe, Lenko.
Nays: None.

Public Discussion

None.

2016-2017 Façade Improvement Grant

City Manager Breuckman outlined the proposed façade improvement application and program guidelines.

Commissioner Schlesinger commented that the business owners were more interested in the streetscape improvements and less interested in façade improvements, can the grant application be amended to include streetscape improvements. City Manager Breuckman commented the guidelines allow for streetscape improvements as listed. Streetscape improvements such as sidewalks and tree wells are DDA responsibility anyway.

Discussion was held regarding the number of awards per building and how they would be determined. Commissioner Christensen stated her landlord is considering redoing the whole building, however, she would like to beautify the corner space she occupies, can she apply separately from the landlord specifically for her storefront. Commissioner McAuliffe questioned how the projects would be selected since it is stated one award per property. City Manager Breuckman commented property owners and tenants are eligible to apply, it will be up to the DDA to award. If

a sitting DDA Commissioner applies, they would need to recuse themselves from the vote. A letter will be send to the business owners regarding the program stating the first awards will be considered within 4 months of the initial application period, after that, applications will be taken on a rolling basis.

DDA-2016-1521

Motion by Schlesinger, second by Christensen, the proposed 2016-2017 Pleasant Ridge Downtown Development façade improvement grant program guidelines, be adopted as presented.

Adopted: Yeas: Schlesinger, Christensen, Bolach, Barlow, McAuliffe, Treuter, McCutcheon, Lenko.
Nays: None.

Business District Survey

Discussion was held regarding the Business Survey. The business owners have been surveyed and that is complete. The property owners will be surveyed next. City Manager Breuckman indicated that property owners concerns are not always the same as concerns of the actual business owners, since their interests can be different. The responses were overall good, no surprises. There are a lot of long time business owners according to the survey. Investment in the streetscape is a priority according to the results. The plan is to the survey approximately every two years for the residents and the businesses.

City Managers Report

Traffic Calming update. Initial plan received from traffic engineers and will be presented to MDOT for a project plan. The proposed plan is to close the lane closest to the curb/parking/businesses at the Main Street cut off, turn it into a parking only lane and turn only lane. This could also begin to set the stage for bike lanes. The lane will have bollards and markings should this be approved.

Other Business

Commissioner McCutcheon commented about panhandlers in the City and an ordinance regarding panhandlers. City Manager Breuckman indicated that there in not an ordinance prohibiting panhandling as it is a first amendment protection.

With no further business Chairman Lenko adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by:

Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk