



**Fenton  
Downtown  
Development  
Authority**

**FENTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PROCEEDINGS**

6:00 p.m.

Tuesday May 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schmidt at 6:00pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Green, Henderson, James, Kasper, Osborn, Saule, Schmidt, Strayer, Sweetman, Wesch

**ABSENT:** Bayer, Bertschy, Canever

**OTHERS:** Michael Burns DDA Director/Assistant City Manager, Lynn Markland City Manager

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

We have four letters of interest for the Old Fire Hall.

- 1) Arbor Brewing Co.
- 2) Clarkston Union
- 3) Lockhart B-Que
- 4) Tavern 131

The DDA did not have to pursue new interest. Some of the finest restaurants came to us.

We have been dealing with easements with the Cornerstone Project. On the general survey map, the legal descriptions were never changed when Leroy was opened back up. Leroy is not shown on Michigan Act 51 Maps. The city owns the easement on Leroy, but Savage had "Reasonable Access" to the property. The city approached Savage and they agreed to have the easement transferred to the area of 111 S. Leroy. They will have the same access to 28 parking spaces. Now we are able to move forward with SAAB on pre-development work. We should have more information in a few weeks.

We will be reviewing proposals for the Fire Hall. The committee will meet on Thursday and then interviews on Tuesday with the four candidates.

-Osborn added that she was proud and appreciative of the DDA and the work they do for the city.

-Schmidt suggested that we send a letter of thanks to Mr. Savage. Good work.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Shane was absent.

Burns reported that we are on target with the budget and moving forward. Also, the loan will be corrected with dispatch.

-Strayer inquired about the tax appeals.

-Burns advised that the numbers have not been finalized yet. We have 6 of 33 and will get a better grasp on the review once they have been finalized.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

a) Accounts Payable – Authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$119,380.93.

b) Minutes of the April 17, 2012 DDA Board Meeting

Motion by Henderson, supported by Strayer to approve the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED, Roll Call Vote: Green-aye, Henderson-aye, James-aye, Kasper-aye, Osborn-aye, Saule-aye, Schmidt-aye, Strayer-aye, Sweetman-aye, Wesch-aye.

### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORSHIP:**

I have been working with Shelley Day from the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce regarding the DDA providing sponsorship for “Taste in Fenton” and “An Event So Good It’s Scary”. In order for the DDA to still partner with the Chamber and continue to address previous concerns by the City Council, Ms. Day provided me with their budgets for both events, as I asked.

-Osborn questioned why the Chamber rented tents from outside Fenton when we have an opportunity to “Shop Local” with Gerych’s here in town.

-Day advised that Valley Tent Rental is part of the “Regional Chamber” in Holly.

-Day thanked the DDA on behalf of the Chamber.

Motion by Saule, supported by Green that the Downtown Development Authority approve a cost not to exceed \$5500 for sponsoring the “Taste in Fenton”. Also, that the Downtown Development Authority approve a cost not to exceed \$500 for sponsoring “An Event So Good It’s Scary”.

MOTION CARRIED with OSBORN dissenting.

### **2013 REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY:**

Pending an unforeseen change of events, the City Council and DDA will approve in the Fiscal Year 13 Budget, a revenue share of \$350,000 from the DDA Fund to the General fund.

-Schmidt thanked Markland for working so hard on the Revenue Sharing

- Agreement. He also thanked the council and the mayor.  
-Markland thanked the department heads and staff for their cooperation.  
-Osborn thanked the board for all of their work also.

Motion by Schmidt, supported by James that the DDA approve the agreement per the Fiscal Year 2013 budget, for a revenue share of DDA funds to the General Fund in a not to exceed amount of \$350,000.00.  
MOTION CARRIED, ALL AYES.

**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE:**

- Ben Smith was disappointed that Michigan Brewing Co was not going into the Old Fire Hall, but he was overjoyed with the interest we have received from other parties. Also he was very pleased at how well the board is pulling it all together.
- Schmidt said he has spoken to people outside our area who have expressed that they have heard such great things about Fenton.
- Sweetman advised that a lot of people have come to Fenton because of the good things they have heard.
- Wesch said that friends from Rochester had heard about The French Laundry and wanted to come to Fenton to visit.
- Henderson inquired about the possibility of the Friday Memo being emailed to The Development Council.
- Schmidt & Burns said that they will get their email address and implement that.
- Saule commented that 106 W Shiawassee was looking good. Also, that it might be a good idea to post photos of all the new developments in the city on our website.
- Strayer added that the patio on Fenton House looked good also. He is putting together a slideshow of the art that will be on display in 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Craig Schmidt**  
Craig Schmidt, Chairman  
Downtown Development Authority

**Elaine McGreevy**  
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Recording Secretary