

**VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
INFORMATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING
Village of Lexington – 7227 Huron Ave., Lexington, MI
May 8, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER INFORMATIONAL MEETING: 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Adams, Bender, Bales, VanDyke, Westbrook, McGovern

ABSENT: Drouillard, Kaatz, Zysk

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Fisher, V. Scott, P. Muoio, W. Morris, K. Decoster, 9 citizens

PURPOSE: To inform the public of goals and direction of the Authority, including upcoming projects.

McGovern provided a power point presentation and a synopsis of the DDA. McGovern discussed some of the activities over the last year including; becoming part of the MDA, the new social district, manage the streetscape improvements, finished the light poles, seasonal flowers, holiday light pole decorations, and providing façade grant improvements. McGovern discussed the upcoming Harbor Redevelopment project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kathy Decoster (5203 Main St.) – commented on how well the power point presentation was.

CLOSE INFORMATIONAL MEETING: 5:14 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson McGovern called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

ROLL CALL: by Vicki Scott

PRESENT: Adams, Bender, Bales, VanDyke, Westbrook, McGovern, Kaatz @ 5:37 p.m.

ABSENT: Drouillard, Zysk

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Fisher, C. Cutright, V. Scott, P. Muoio, W. Morris, K. Decoster, 9 citizens

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Adams, seconded by McGovern, to approve the agenda as amended adding 2 items Cadillac Façade Grant and Ice Cream Social under New Business and moving Potential Public Safety Milage Capture under New Business.

All Ayes

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Bales, seconded by Bender, to approve the April 10, 2024 minutes as presented.

All Ayes

Motion Carried

MOTION by Bender, seconded by McGovern, to approve the April 22, 2024 minutes as presented.

All Ayes

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Peter Muoio (7276 Lester) – commented on the Harbor Project need to move forward with a 5/3 split.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION: - Bales explained the financial reports and answered questions.

MOTION by McGovern, seconded by Bender, to approve the financials as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: McGovern, Bender, Bales, Westbrook, Adams, VanDyke

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**** Kaatz arrived at 5:37 p.m.****

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Harbor Redevelopment Project Next Step** – McGovern explained the DDA needs to make a recommendation to the Village Council. VanDyke explained from a design perspective the DNR is maintaining the connection down at the end of Huron. The one thing that was in the original plan that was not in the new plan is the amount of broadside dockage. We originally saw 1300 ft, the new plan has 432 ft., approximately 100 ft. is incomed by the bottom lands lease. A suggestion that was made at the end of the public meeting to see if the DNR could increase the amount of broadside dockage. Discussion followed. The updated plan that was sent to the Village on May 1 showed extension of the piers. VanDyke suggested approving the plan with maintaining 500 ft. of broadside dockage which is middle of the road. Lengthy discussion followed. Lori Fisher suggested staying away from a motion that includes the May 1 design because the EGLE permit will be for the full design plan. Discussion followed on the central pier design.

MOTION by VanDyke, seconded by McGovern, to approve allocating 3 million dollars from the DDA's grant to the DNR's Marina redevelopment project based on the plan the DNR sent to the Village on May 1 or the full plan if funding is available subject to the requirement that at least 500 ft. of broadside dockage is maintained in this phase and subsequent phases of the project to accommodate larger vessels, overflow dockage, and day dockage.

Discussion:

Roll Call:

Ayes – VanDyke, McGovern, Westbrook, Bender, Bales, Adams, Kaatz

Nays – None

Motion carried

2. **Façade Grant – Moore Library** – McGovern explained we saw this grant last meeting. The library followed up with the seconded roofing quote as asked. Discussion followed.

Motion by Kaatz, seconded by McGovern, to approve the façade grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Moore Library.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kaatz, McGovern, VanDyke, Adams, Westbrook, Bales

Nays: Bender

Motion carried

3. **2024-2025 Draft Budget Results from Budget Committee** – McGovern explained the line items the committee worked on for the 2024-2025 draft budget. VanDyke noted going forward it would be easier to know exactly what percentage the DDA is supporting to the Village budget when it comes to staff's time. Kaatz suggested changing the language on the line item that reads "Donation". Discussion followed.

****Kaatz left @ 6:10 p.m.**

Motion by Bender, seconded by McGovern, to accept the 2024-2025 draft budget as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Bender, McGovern, Bales, Westbrook, Adams, VanDyke

Nays: None

Motion carried

4. **Village Events – Fireworks / Parade / Tree-Lighting Funding** – McGovern explained the LBA does not have the people or funds to run the 4th of July fireworks, parade, and tree lighting. McGovern & Fisher have been working on this in order for the Village to have these events. Discussion followed.
Motion by McGovern, seconded by Bender to table this item until next meeting.
Discussion: on allocating funds to support these events.
Rescind Motion by McGovern, seconded by Bender to table this item.
All Ayes
Motion carried
Motion by McGovern, seconded by VanDyke, to authorize up to \$6,000.00 to pay for fireworks & parade expenses.
Roll Call:
Ayes: McGovern, VanDyke, Bales, Westbrook, Adams
Nays: Bender
Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **LBA Expenses** –
Motion by Bender, seconded by Adams, to approve the LBA reimbursement as presented.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Bender, Adams, VanDyke, Westbrook, Bales, McGovern
Nays: None
Motion carried
2. **Façade Grant – Cadillac House** – McGovern explained all the paperwork is in order. McGovern explained the two different quotes in the packet. The target completion date is July 1, 2024. McGovern explained it has been longer than 18 months since the last façade grant request. This façade work falls under level 3 in the rules.
Motion by McGovern, seconded by Westbrook, to approve the façade grant up to \$10,000.00 to Cadillac House.
Roll Call:
Ayes: McGovern, Westbrook, Adams, Bender, Bales
Abstain: VanDyke
Nays: None
Motion carried
- **Stacie Bales left at 6:31 p.m.**
3. **Ice Cream Social** – Bender explained the grant that was applied for was a reimbursement grant up to \$2,000.00. However, we need to place the order for the ice cream. Discussion followed.
Motion by Bender, seconded by VanDyke, to approve up to \$2,000.00 be spent on the ice cream social in the social district.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Bender, VanDyke, Adams, Westbrook, McGovern
Nays: None
Motion carried

4. **Potential Public Safety Milage Capture** – L. Fisher explained this has not gone to Council yet. We would need an official yes or no if the DDA would choose to opt out of the DDA tax capture. This potential milage would strictly be for police, fire, and EMS. Discussion followed.

Motion by McGovern, seconded by Westbrook, to support a Public Safety Milage and agree to exclude the DDA tax capture of this potential Milage.

Roll Call:

Ayes: McGovern, Westbrook, VanDyke, Adams, Bender

Nays: None

Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Peter Muoio (7276 Lester) – commented thank you for support the potential public safety milage.
- Jackie Huepenbecker (7108 B.R. Noble Ct.) – commented thank you for the Moore Library façade grant.
- Mike Ziegler (Lexington Twp.) – commented on June 28, 2024 the PALM (Peddle Across Lower Michigan) Race will be here in Lexington. Please welcome the bikers.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by McGovern, seconded by Bender, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Scott