

**VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Village of Lexington – 7227 Huron Ave., Lexington, MI
August 9, 2023.**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson McGovern called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: by Vicki Scott

PRESENT: Adams, Bender, Bales, Westbrook, Drouillard, McGovern, Zysk, (Kaatz @ 5:40 p.m.)

ABSENT: VanDyke

OTHERS PRESENT: S. McCoy, P. Muoio, L. Fisher, C. Cutright, and 1 citizen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Adams, seconded by McGovern to approve the agenda as presented.

All Ayes

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Adams, seconded by Bales, to approve the July 12, 2023 minutes as presented.

All Ayes

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Peter Muoio (7276 Lester) – commented on staffing needed at the park.

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, Drouillard, Zysk, Westbrook, Adams, Bales

Nays: None

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Harbor Redevelopment Presentation – Edgewater

Greg Weykamp explained this meeting is the beginning process of the harbor redevelopment. Weykamp gave a power point presentation of the general area that will be redeveloped. During the presentation, Weykamp pointed out some different possibilities Lexington could incorporate during the redevelopment. Edgewater is looking for feedback from each committee. Questions and answers followed. Weykamp stated Edgewater will use each committee's feedback and design what will work best for Lexington. Additional meetings will be scheduled as each step of the process occurs. The link to the power point presentation is listed below and on the Village website.

https://edgewaterresource.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/ERPortal2/EQ07z7dhIC5FmL9JdScdX6UBakVEwE9_MNGMcY8tlxR0ZA?e=ci8KJ4

LBA/DDA Event Support – McGovern explained the LBA is looking for financial support from the DDA in the form of a grant. LBA is also looking for a financial support from the DDA in the form of a shared position person who can manage the events in town as volunteers are becoming less and less. Lengthy discussion followed on what can legally can be done. Bender suggested the DDA only fund certain events in the DDA district. Discussion followed on a list of what the specific events need funded.

Motion by Bender to table this until next month's meeting when the LBA has financial documents prepared for us to look at so we can make financially responsible decisions with the DDA tax dollars we have to work with. Motion failed due to lack of support.

Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Drouillard, to table this and allow Lori Fisher no more than 4 days to take a quick look at the Village situation what the DDA had put into a position that we felt we needed and see if she can come up with any concept that would look favorable to the LBA and us. We can call a special meeting to come back and look at this.

Discussion:

Amended Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Drouillard, to table this to allow Lori Fisher no more than 4 business days to look into this and see what concept can be done for both the LBA and DDA.

All Ayes

Motion carried

2. **Social District Update** – McGovern stated after being 5 weeks into it, the sidewalk stickers still look great. The police department and DPW have had no issues. 3 North Vines just got their license from the Liquor Control Commission last Friday and Steiss should be getting one this week. Westbrook explained the MLCC stated the original permit was \$250.00 with a \$70 inspection fee. All permits have a one-time \$70 inspection fee. It increases our liquor fee each year by \$250. We have used our first 1000 stickers. McGovern stated we will be fitchered in Pure Michigan as well. Discussion followed on forming a sub-committee and the need to purchase more stickers. Motion by McGovern, seconded by Adams, to form a social district sub-committee.

Discussion:

Amended Motion by McGovern, seconded by Adams, to form a social district sub-committee consisting of Collin Westbrook, Mickey Bender, and Mike McGovern.

All Ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Drouillard, to allocate up to \$2000.00 for future sticker purposes.

Roll Call:

Ayes – Kaatz, Drouillard, Bender, Zysk, Westbrook, Adams, Bales, McGovern

Nays – None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Façade Grant – Lexington Art Glass** – McGovern explained the different quotes in the packet. We cannot pay sales tax on this request.

Motion by McGovern, seconded by Westbrook, to approve the façade grant no to exceed \$6,300.45.

Roll Call

Ayes: McGovern, Westbrook, Bales, Adams, Zysk, Drouillard, Bender

Nays: None

Motion carried

2. **Streetscape Update** – McGovern explained
 - a) **Public Feedback on large Pots** – McGovern explained the public feedback loved the large pots on the sidewalk.
 - b) **Façade Improvements in the Works** – McGovern explained we will be seeing more façade grant request coming in.
 - c) **Seasonal Décor** – McGovern stated we will discuss this next month.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Peter Muoio (7276 Lester) – recommended having staff attendees for ice fishing and land fisherman at the Harbor.
- Lexington Art Glass – thanked the DDA for the façade grant.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Bales, seconded by McGovern, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Scott

August 9, 202

Approved