

## **City of Beaverton DDA Regular Meeting Minutes**

**November 11, 2024**

The meeting was opened by Scott Govitz at 5:15 PM at the Beaverton City Hall

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present

### **Roll Call:**

Present: Christine Gerace, Scott Govitz, Cindy Trumble, Kurt Grove,  
Lou Stornello, Amy Tenwalde

Absent: Kelly Wyrembelski, Mayor Nau, Michael Martin

City Staff: City Manager Shannon Sirpilla, City Treasurer Jodie Klamer, Matt Lang

### **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 15, 2024**

Motion by Grove, second by Stornello to approve the minutes as written. All voting aye, motion carried.

**Financial Reports:** Motion by Stornello, second by Grove to approve October financial reports. All voting aye, motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

- **DNR (Porter & Ross Corner Projects):** Sirpilla reported that the approval for the EGLE permit submitted for a different dock is still pending.
- **Sparks Grant connector walk updates information:** The grant has been signed, and approval was received to proceed with the engineer RFP. This project will include a boardwalk alongside the lake. Await bids for engineering.
- **Land Bank Blight Reduction:** Lang stated there are no updates at this time.
- **ORD Rual Readiness:** Lang confirmed that a letter of intent requesting to apply was submitted, but no response has been received yet.
- **EGLE Environmental Justice Impact:** Two separate grants have been submitted: one by the DDA submitted for the blight grant and another by the city for Ross Lake. Lang expects a response by the end of December.
- **MI Neighborhood 1.0:** Lang shared that the DDA received a \$400,000 grant through MISDI for the rehabilitation of existing homes.
- **MI Neighborhood 2.0:** Lang reported that this grant, submitted under the City of Beaverton, focuses on constructing duplexes, a single home and developing a vacant property. Await response.
- **Upcoming Grants:** Govitz mentioned that there are two additional grant opportunities for the city to consider.
- **DDA Owned Property Updates:** There are no updates
- **Huntington Bank parking lot update:** Sirpilla noted that due to the mayor's recovery from medical issues, finalizing the documents for the Huntington Bank parking lot purchase will be delayed until his return from the hospital. Signatures will be obtained and a lot split is necessary.

- **Santa's Light Crew 2024 Updates:** Lang stated Santa's Crew installed the lights yesterday, and the snowflakes are now in place. Two buildings had lights installed for the first time: Smith & Associates and Kurt Groves building. Grove asked if someone would send him the bill for ½ of the cost of his lights.
- **Council approved new DDA members Michael Martin and Amy Tenwalde**
- **Council approval pending member Autumn Matthews**

#### **New Business:**

- **Payment for Freeman Nursery Flowerpots:** Motion by Stornello, second by Grove, to table the Freeman Nursery invoice partial payment of \$3,318.75 for hanging baskets until Sirpilla gets more information to discuss at the next meeting. Invoice is unclear. All voting aye, motion carried.
- **Fall Festival Report:** Lang reported on the Fall Festival. The businesses said they had a good turnout, and the event was well received. Tenwalde shared that her children had a great time at the event, and other members agreed that it seemed the children's activities from 12 to 3 PM were a huge hit. Lang added that children painted over 50 pumpkins during that time. Govitz added that there was strong family turnout, and the event was well received. Tenwalde asked if the PTO Board could combine their "Trunk or Treat" event with the Fall Festival next year. Govitz suggested that BABA might want to organize it in the future for long-term sustainability with DDA support.
- **Director Updates:** A written report was submitted. Lang enrolled in the academy and is working on the certification for the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC). The Buck Pole was moved downtown on November 16<sup>th</sup>, instead of the Calhoun Campground. Lang also noted the Holiday Hunt is November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The Tree Lighting will occur on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM Ross Lake Park.
- **Communications:** Gerace reported that the Conservation District will have the canoe race in the last two weeks of May starting in Gladwin and ending in Beaverton. Carrie Will, from the Chamber of Commerce, is coordinating efforts to secure food trucks for the event.

Motion by Grove, second by Stornello to adjourn meeting at 6:10 pm.

All voting aye, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jodie Klamer, City Treasurer