

City of Beaverton DDA

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2023

Meeting was opened by Kurt Grove at 5:15 PM at the Beaverton City Hall

Roll Call:

Present: Secretary, Renee Lang, Cindy Trumble, Lou Stornello, Kurt Grove, City Manager Shannon Sirpilla, and Christine Gerace

Absent: Mayor Nau, Jason Blades, Kelly Wyrembelski

City Staff: Jodie Klammer, Scott Govitz

Public: Robin Smith-Martin

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes dated September 11, 2023 (no quorum at last meeting), and October 23, 2023, Motion by Stornello, supported by Lang. All ayes, motion carried.

Financial Reports: Motion to approve September and October financial report by Stornello, supported by Lang. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

- The new City Manager, Shannon Sirpilla was introduced to the DDA members. Shannon Sirpilla was appointed by the City Council on October 16, 2023, and began her position as Beaverton City Manager on November 2, 2023.
- Motion by Lang, seconded to accept cost up to \$2,000 for Santa's Light Crew to put lights up at on the roof top only but not the awning for Nick's Quick Stop and just two sides of for Smith & Associates CPA supported by Stornello. All ayes, motion carried.
- Santa's Light Crew-lights have installed the lights downtown. They will have a local electrician look at the lighting issues at T & J Auto business and Beaverton Activity Center. Santa's Light Crew will only have time to put additional lights up for Smith & Associates CPA new building and Nikki's Quick Stop. If there are any other requests, Santa's Light Crew will not have time this year.
- Motion by Stornello, seconded to accept the Michigan Department of Rural

Department Grant of \$40,000 with the \$8,000 match from the DDA supported by Lang. All ayes, motion carried.

- There was discussion regarding the Michigan Department of Rural Development downtown area. It was mentioned that the Business Association and BABA might participate up to \$2,000, but DDA has approved the entire match and funds are available.
- Govtiz discussed the current DDA budget.
- Govitz stated that a community development person might be a good idea for the group to consider as a future idea. A lot of work can be accomplished in grant writing and project work that today is just extra work and many opportunities to address community needs.
- Christine discussed the Gladwin Community Builders a new group being formed of interested persons to grow the community and invited everyone to a meeting in February.

Old Business:

- No further update for the DNR corner of Pearson Street and M-18 Improvement Grant. We did pay a bill for \$4,800 and the project has been started. DDA has a \$85,000 match to this grant. It will then be reimbursable grant through the DNR.
- Govitz is waiting to hear back from Huntington Bank on the parking lot purchase. Per Govitz, we received an extension for the grant report that was due. There will be a balance due of \$5,000 remaining committed to the project. The DDA budgeted money to clean the blacktop and put lines in parking lot. Huntington has to clean up the lot property description discrepancy.

Motion to adjourn.

All voting aye, meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM
Respectfully submitted,

City of Beaverton