City of Beaverton DDA

# Regular Meeting Minutes March 10, 2025

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Harper, seconded by Tenwalde, to approve the agenda. All voting aye; motion carried.

# Roll Call:

**Present:** Cindy Trumble, Amy Tenwalde, Michael Martin, Autumn Matthews, Mayor Nau (via zoom), Lou Stornello, Scott Govitz, Jennifer Harper, James Wyrembelski

**City Staff:** City Treasurer Jodie Klamer, Director of Downtown & Community Development Matt Lang

**Absent:** City Manager Shannon Sirpilla, Kurt Grove

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (February 10, 2025)**

Motion by Stornello, seconded by Harper, to approve the minutes as written. All voted aye; motion carried.

**Financial Reports:** Motion by Tenwalde, seconded by Martin, to approve February financial reports. All voted aye; motion carried.

**Old Business:**

* **DNR (Porter Street & Ross Street Corner Projects):** This project is expected to start in April and finish in July. Although the DDA has already committed funds to this project there is still a shortfall in funding of approximately $82,400, though the Engineer’s believe it can be lower as some of the items the City is responsible for procuring can likely be less than what is budgeted. Motion by Trumble, seconded by Tenwalde to authorize the City Manager to evaluate the DDA Budget, and if funding is available, expend up to $82,400 of DDA Funds, in addition to the previously approved DDA Funds to this project. All voting aye; motioned carried.
* **Sparks Grant Connector Walk update information:** MLREngineering has this contract. Land surveying work has begun, and the project is scheduled for completion by the end of the year.
* **Land Bank Blight Reduction**: Lang reported that two houses have been demolished, with one remaining.
* **ORD Rural Readiness**: The city was notified in February that it was not selected for funding. The city applied two years ago and was not selected at that time either.
* **CDBG**-**DR Infrastructure Grant:** This grant pertains to the Ross Lake Project/Storm Culverting on Brown Street. Lang reported that the application has been signed.

**CDBG**-**DR Planning Grant:** This is the stormwater study grant.

**CDBG**-**DR Neighborhood Design Planning Grant:** This grant is being considered for housing.

* **MI Neighborhood 1**.**0:** The application opened to the public last week. This grant covers roof, window, siding, driveway repairs, energy efficiency upgrades, hazardous tree, and front porch repairs. It includes a five-year lien and will remain open until the funds are exhausted. The grant is $400,000.
* **MI Neighborhood 2**.**0:** This application is designated for new home construction in the city.
* **Upcoming Grants**:

The Police Pavilion Project in Ross Lake Park is open for bids again.

* **DDA Property:** Govitz said there was a previous discussion about water tower locations with the engineer. They are considering Industrial Drive for the water tower.

**Michigan State University Urban Planning**: Students recently conducted vehicle counts. They will present their parking study findings to the city sometime in May.

* **MEDC Redevelopment Ready Community:** There are currently no updates.
* **Huntington Bank Parking Lot Update**: Harper is checking with Huntington Bank on the closing date.

**New Business:**

* **DDA Director Updates**: See Lang’s report
* **Supporting Grant for Portable Stage:** The DDA is pursuing a grant for a portable stage- something lightweight and easy to store. Lang obtained a quote from StageRite Corporation in Clare for a 12’ x 20’ stage, priced at $9,044. He stated that he would apply to the Gladwin County Community Foundation for funding. The deadline to apply is April 11,2025. A motion was made by Martin and seconded by Matthews to allow the DDA to apply for grant through the Gladwin County Community Foundation for the portable stage. All voting aye; motion carried.

**Communications:**

A resident inquired whether the trees in downtown Beaverton would be permanently removed. He stated that if they were not replaced, that would be preferable. Govitz responded that the decision would be made by the council.

A motion to adjourn was made by Martin and seconded by Tenwalde at 6:21 PM. All voting aye; meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jodie Klamer, City Treasurer