



Downtown Development Authority

THOMAS TOWNSHIP - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 - 8:00 a.m. Michigan Time

1. The Board Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Gray.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Doyle, Emeott, Ryder-Petre, Martin, Duclos, Gray and Weise
 ABSENT: Radewahn and McCoy.
 ALSO PRESENT: Russ Taylor, Township Manager, Dan Sika, Director of Community Development and Connie Watt, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Motion was made by Weise, supported by Duclos to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve the minutes of the January 26, 2016.
6. Approval of Expenditures
7. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
8. Public Hearing – None.
9. Unfinished Business-None
10. New Business
 - A. Trail Side Signage
 - B. Master Plan Update Survey and Results-Discussion Only.
11. Reports

A. Chairperson	D. Board Members
B. Vice-Chairperson	E. Staff
C. Secretary	
12. Adjournment

5. Consent Agenda

A. Motion by Duclos, supported by Weise to approve the minutes of January 26, 2016 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Expenditures – Motion by Ryder-Petre, supported by Martin to approve the expenditures as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments – None.

8. Public Hearing – None.

9. Unfinished Business-None

10. New Business

A.-Trail Side Signage-A discussion was held on information provided by Mr. Dave Sommers from a conference he attended with the MTA concerning Trail Side signage that would provide information to those who use the Thomas Township Trail regarding the business corridor. Sika explained that this was being provided to the DDA for discussion only at this time to see if this is something that might be beneficial to draw users of the trail to the business corridor. Sika stated that Mr. Sommers was an avid cyclist and had spoken with individuals who regularly use the trail who weren't aware of businesses/ services that are located in Thomas Township. Taylor added that in meeting with the Parks Director and Sommers they discussed possibly of an arch over the trail and directional signage. Duclos felt that some of the signage examples were too much and actually made a "clean" area look cluttered. Martin said he supported the idea and stated in Leelanau they offered brochures at stations along Their trail to highlight businesses in the area.

B.-Master Plan Update Survey and Results-Discussion Only- Sika stated that in the DDA packet a copy of responses to the recent Community Survey that is part of the Master Plan Update which is currently being done by the Planning Commission was included. This was informational only so the members could be aware of responses from residents involving the business corridor and their feelings on what has been done to this area and what they would like to see improved. Sika stated that once the DDA members were able to review this information if they had any questions regarding any of it they should contact him.

11. Reports

- A. Chairperson – None.
- B. Vice-Chairperson – None.
- C. Secretary – None.
- D. Board Member –None
- E. Staff – None

12. It was moved by Emeott, supported by Ryder-Petre to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

David Duclos, Secretary