

**Downtown Development Authority  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
October 1, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 am by Jim Delemeester.

Members present: Sue Bare, Jim Delemeester, Victoria Devereaux, John Gerber, Pam Ginderske, Kathy Westervelt, Lorie Willie, and Karen Wood

Others Present: Hartmann Aue and Richard Hoerner

Motion by Westervelt, second by Ginderske to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Motion by Wood, second by Ginderske to approve the September D.D.A. minutes. Motion carried.

Planning Commission and Village Council minutes were accepted and filed.

The light replacement throughout the Goodrich Building has been completed by Wirostek Lighting, and the rebate from Consumers Energy in the amount of \$1,240 has been approved. Arnold Chiropractic, Secretary of State, and the Coin Shop mentioned their delight with the change, and would like to see more lights in the future.

Aue mentioned that the roof is not the issue for the water in the building. J Hoover Construction has changed the flashing on the new doors, and after four days of rain, it appears to have slowed the leaking issue.

Aue brought forward new banners for the posts downtown. Devereaux offered a few different templates, one St. Charles Bulldog pride and one American spirit, rather than the two examples from Hometown Graphics, for Aue to price out. Gerber suggested using Tri-City Kustoms out of Shields for a quick turn-around if needed. Aue will get pricing out the new banners for future voting. D.D.A. agreed upgrading the banners downtown is needed.

Aue has requested cement quotes to replace the sinking sidewalk in front of Tony's that Mr. Delemeester tripped and fell a few weeks ago. As in numerous other industries, there is considerable back up, lacking of employees, and supply chain issues. He hopes to have the quote next month.

Aue asked the D.D.A. if they would be open to people purchasing benches, exactly similar to park benches with memorial tributes, as members of the Village have inquired. The D.D.A. mentioned they think we should replace the old benches, as we have the old garbage cans. Bare was concerned with snow removal. DPW works snow removal between the benches currently. Aue noted, we should consider donating a bench in memory of Bob Burns. Delemeester liked the idea and said, "I think Bob Burns, Chuck Diamond, and himself were the original three on the D.D.A. with Bob being the original chairman."

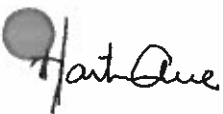
Aue asked for thoughts on the new garbage can. D.D.A. mentioned they had not noticed it. Aue said, "that was the point. I do not want the first thing you see when coming to the light at M-52 a garbage can, as the old ones that looked like they were from the 1970's were bulky, eye sores." Aue looks forward to replacing out with the new, one for one, over the next year.

There was no public comment.

Aue mentioned that STC Hometown Days is next weekend, October 9, from 11 am – 3 pm. We have cleaned up the downtown boulevards, added new mulch, and fixed up the electric sign area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 am. Motion by Westervelt, second by Ginderske. Motion carried.

Respectfully,



Hartmann Aue