

Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 2, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:45 a.m. by Chairwoman Westervelt.

Members present: Victoria Devereaux, Joe Kline, Nicole Risch, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, Nannette Pretzer, and Kathy Westervelt,

Members absent: Cornford, Ginderske, and Wille

Others Present: Hartmann Aue, Mike Goschka, and Risch Children

Motion by Rosser-Nesbit, second by Devereaux to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Rosser-Nesbit, second by Kline to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Motion by Pretzer, second by Rosser-Nesbit to approve the June 7, 2024 D.D.A. minutes. Motion carried.

In accordance with the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act, 2018 PA 57, taking effect on January 1, 2019, new reporting guidelines mandate that the Authority must hold two informational meetings, biannually pursuant to MCL 125.4910(4): The board of an authority shall hold at least 2 informational meetings. Notice must be published on the municipality's or authority's website not less than 14 days before the informational meeting by the authority to the governing body of each taxing jurisdiction levying taxes that are subject to capture. As an alternative to mailing notice, the authority may notify the clerk of the governing body of each taxing jurisdiction by electronic mail. This was the St. Charles D.D.A.'s first informational meeting of the year. The purpose is to share future goals, and discuss the previous accomplishments for taxing jurisdictions.

Frank's Supermarket submitted a Façade Grant Application to paint the canopy on their building along the east wall. Grant funds requested, \$5,350. Motion by Rosser-Nesbit, second by Risch. Motion carried.

In the past, the D.D.A. was donated the trees for decorating along the boulevards for Old-Fashioned Christmas (OFC). This year, due to plantings, there will be a cost. Rosser-Nesbit will research cost of trees from several farms, report back for a vote next month.

Nightlife Entertainment has been the DJ for OFC for the previous two years. He gives the D.D.A. a discounted rate of 50%. This year, he will again provide music, help with bike giveaways, and work with Sky Element to possibly add music to accompany the drone show. Motion by Rosser-Nesbit, second by Pretzer. Motion carried.

Aue presented the generously donated, color printings of the drone options for 100 – 200 drones. As of current, the D.D.A. is in the 150 per show category. Aue asked members to rank options and the top 12-15 will be sent to Sky Element so they can put the show together for preview.

Aue updated the D.D.A., that agreed to 50% of the fishing pier that the head wall was being put in the river bank, with pier to be delivered within the month, depending on water level. Another great attraction to St. Charles with help from the D.D.A., Parks Committee, and Village Council.

Aue informed the D.D.A. that Village Council is opening to new Village Welcome Signs, but was not sold on the selections provided. Aue is to reach out to a few companies and get some better renderings for their review. The theme being lumber and modern black features is the D.D.A.'s preference.

Aue called the owner at 700 Saginaw to gauge interest in selling the property for new signage and eliminating of old signage. There is no interest in selling at this time. Apparently, the Township has a meeting with the owner to go over potential business options, thus making his old signage potentially relevant once again.

The Village, SCF, and D.D.A. playscape had an ADA swing vandalized. The cost for a new swing and shipping is \$921. Council thought the \$475 in shipping was too high to pay. The D.D.A. is willing to pay the shipping for the swing if council takes the 50% discount on the actual swing. Motion by Rosser-Nesbit, second by Risch. Motion carried.

School Board Member Goschka noted during public comment that this was an exciting meeting to hear what the D.D.A. has accomplished, and it is clear how much each member cares for the community. He will report back to the School Board the goals and dreams of the D.D.A.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m. Motion by Kline, second by Rosser-Nesbit. Motion carried.

Respectfully,

Hartmann Aue