

City of Walker
Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
April 17, 2007
Fire Station #2 – 1:00 PM

Present: P. Goodale, J. Cornell, D. Felton, J. McIsaac, L. Rios, D. Schmalzel

Absent: J. Veldheer, A. Hartzler, C. Vander Meulen, J. DiLeonardo, G. Hicks, M. Neal

Also Present: Engineer Scott Conners, Planning Director Frank Wash, and Finance Director Cindy Mielke

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Member McIsaac at 1:00PM.
2. Introduction of new DDA member – New DDA member Lisa Rios was introduced to DDA Board members. Attendance was recorded.
3. Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2007 – A motion was made by J. Cornell with support by D. Felton to approve the minutes as written. Motion Carried.
4. Approval of Real Estate Purchase Agreement for 410 Cummings Ave. – D. Schmalzel described/reviewed the terms of the purchase agreement. The end purchase price was \$185,000. We will close on the house on or before May 15, 2007. The current occupant has the ability to stay in the home until we take possession, which will be some time between August 1, 2007 and December 31, 2008. Staff will begin working on the RFQ/RFP process for disposition of these properties.

A motion was made by Member Felton, with support by Member Cornell to approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement as written. Motion Carried.

5. Financial Report – Finance Director Cindy Mielke provided an update to DDA members. Currently there is \$746,000 in the construction account. There are bond payments yet to be taken out of this account. The billing for the streetscape is in the process of being prepared and will be sent out soon. The parking lot Maintenance funds are in good shape.
6. Various Project Updates –
 - Standale Trail – The West Michigan Greenways coalition in conjunction with Moore & Bruggink and the Standale Trail Committee has applied for nearly 1 million dollars in grant money to build the trail from Millennium Park to Standale then north to the City Hall campus. The coalition will be applying for further assistance to complete the trail and possibly construct a bridge over Lake Michigan Drive in the future.

- Standale Master Plan Update for Sub Area #4 – Planner Wash displayed a rendering of the area being discussed. The property is located west and south of Meijer and includes 200 acres. It is currently proposed for a mix of Commercial, Residential and Retail. There will be a public meeting held at the City of Walker on April 18 to discuss the future plans for this area.
7. Any Other Business – Discussion took place regarding the DDA owned property just east of the former Billiards by Christopher site on Lake Michigan Drive. The property was listed for sale in the Grand Rapids Press and we received only one bid. The bid did not meet the requirements set forth in the advertisement so it was rejected. City Manager Vander Meulen and Assistant City Manager Schmalzel will be discussing the property with a commercial realtor for suggestions/ideas. They will be presenting information to the DDA Board as it becomes available.
 8. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:00PM on a motion by D. Felton, with support by J. Cornell. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Kozminski, Recording Secretary