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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

January 19, 2021

1. Call to Order - 7:00 P.M. - City Hall Council Chambers and from remote locations
2. Minutes - Approval of December 15, 2020 minutes
3. Organization of Board - Elections of a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson and adoption of a schedule of regular meetings, as needed
4. Annual Synopsis
5. Miscellaneous
6. Adjournment



DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

December 15, 2020

A special meeting of the City of Petoskey Downtown Development Authority was held through Zoom from virtual locations on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Chairperson Ben Slocum
Gary Albert
Robin Bennett, Vice Chairperson
Noah Marshall-Rashid
Brittany McNeil
John Murphy, Mayor

Absent: Marnie Duse, Dan Harris and Jennifer Shorter

Also in attendance were Downtown Director, Becky Goodman, and Executive Assistant Sarah Bek.

Approve of January 21, 2020 Regular Annual Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Bennett and supported by Albert that the minutes be approved. All in favor.

Biannual Review of DDA Plan

Staff reviewed that, per State of Michigan legislation, DDA's are required to hold two public informational meetings per year; that these meetings must be posted and any entities that are involved in the TIF capture must be notified directly. Despite the fact that the City of Petoskey DDA does not capture TIF, the DDA must abide by the legislation. Staff then provided a brief overview of the DDA district to satisfy the requirement.

Board members heard the presentation and there were no comments or questions from the audience.

Miscellaneous

Board Chair Slocum noted that he had been elected vice chair of the DDA and DMB at the January 21, 2020 annual DDA/DMB organizational meeting and that he had later been elected Chair and Robin Bennett had been elected Vice Chair of the DMB upon the March 2020 resignation of Reg Smith, which meant that there was technically no present Vice Chair of the DDA. Slocum requested that Bennett be officially appointed Vice Chair of the DDA to ensure that there would be a Chair for the January 19, 2021 meeting in the case that he would not be able to attend.

Motion was made by Marshall-Rashid and seconded by Murphy to elect Bennett as Vice Chair of the DDA. All in favor

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.



BOARD: Downtown Development Authority Board

MEETING DATE: January 19, 2021 **DATE PREPARED:** January 15, 2021

AGENDA SUBJECT: Organization of Board

RECOMMENDATION: That the Downtown Development Authority Board elect officers and adopt a schedule of regular meetings

Background Prior to appointing the City's Downtown Management Board in 1994, the City Council had established the Downtown Development Authority program in 1993 and had appointed nine members, including the Mayor, to the Development Authority's Board. Although the Downtown Development Authority Board has remained inactive except for December, 2004, when a tax-increment financing program was recommended by the Downtown Development Authority Board and subsequently implemented by the City Council, the Downtown Development Authority Board has only met annually as required by its bylaws.

Requirements As required by its bylaws, the Downtown Development Authority Board will be asked to select from its members a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson and to set a 2021 meeting schedule. Because the same persons are required to serve as officers for both the Downtown Development Authority Board and the Downtown Management Board, the Downtown Management Board will be asked to take the same action at its January 19 meeting. Last year, Downtown Development Authority Board regular meetings had been set for 7:00 P.M., on the third Tuesday of each month, immediately preceding the Downtown Management Board meetings, but called only if agenda business was pending.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Downtown Management Board and Downtown Development Authority
FROM: Becky Goodman, Downtown Director
DATE: January 15, 2021
RE: DDA Biannual Meeting

Beginning in 2019, according to new State law, the DDA began meeting twice annually for the purpose of reviewing its plan and status to the public. Per State of Michigan legislation, DDA's are required to hold two public informational meetings per year. These meetings must be posted and any entities that are involved in the TIF capture are notified directly. Despite the fact that the City of Petoskey DDA does not capture TIF, the DDA must abide by the legislation. Staff will provide a brief overview of the DDA district to satisfy the requirement. This meeting will be the first meeting held in 2021 to satisfy that requirement.