

**CALUMET VILLAGE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL
340 SIXTH STREET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
APRIL 7, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Leah Polzien at 1:04 PM. The meeting took place online via video conference.

Present: Members Leah Polzien, David Geisler, Rick Campioni, Andrew Ranville, Lorri Oikarinen and Peter Hahn, Caleb Katz.

Absent: Tom Dumble, Tim Bies

Vacant: One

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Leah Polzien led the pledge of allegiance.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by David Geisler and seconded by Rick Campioni to accept the agenda.

Voice vote: Ayes: Leah Polzien, David Geisler, Rick Campioni, Peter Hahn, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville

Nays: None

III. AGENDA

1. Petitions from the Public

None.

2. Minutes

Moved by Rick Campioni and seconded by Dave Geisler to accept the Marc 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Voice vote: Ayes: Leah Polzien, David Geisler, Rick Campioni, Peter Hahn, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville

Nays: None

3. Greenspace Update

Leah Polzien gave an overview of the current updates on the Greenspace Project. Steve DeLong has given some preliminary draft plans of what the space may look like, and what structures may appear in it. Village Manager Caleb Katz, Leah Polzien, KNHP landscape architect Steve DeLong, and Marc Klein Streets Superintendent will be meeting to discuss the project drafts. They will be looking to hash out any issues or hurdles that may occur, next the HDC and Planning Commission will review. It is unclear as to whether the MEDC has any funding for a project like this. The idea

of using volunteers was mentioned, and it is a possibility, however, there are some complicated parts of creating this greenspace.

4. DDA Plan Update

The usage and updating of Agassiz Park was discussed and how we can add updates for the park to our future plans. An update was given as to the start date of meeting with Beckett & Raeder on the DDA project, and it is preliminarily set for May 2020.

5. Team Rubicon/Mihelich Slaughterhouse

There was a discussion surrounding the usage of Team Rubicon this upcoming summer to demolition buildings. Further discussions were had as to the need of a meeting with Team Rubicon, it was discussed that it would be a great idea for Leah Polzien, Manager Katz, and KEDA to meet with them telephonically.

There was additional discussion on park service grants for Aho and Agnitz. Everyone agreed they would like to see the collapsed portions fixed, as well as boarding and patching, and roof supports. The grant itself would be a 50/50 match, but match can be in kind.

It was made aware to the DDA that there is a potential buyer for the slaughterhouse, but they are concerned about the permitting etc., needed to take it down and the costs associated with that, Leah Polzien volunteered to work with the potential buyer to help them with the process, and if the buyer does back out, we have the option of using Team Rubicon and selling to another buyer.

6. CDBG Update

There was a quick discussion on this, and there are no new updates. Contracts have gone out for property owners to sign. MEDC has not said anything about issues with funding, expecting to move ahead.

7. WUPPDR Marketing Group

There has been some posting done lately, more will be occurring in the near future. Leah Polzien requested any good pictures or videos of the area be sent to her for posting.

8. FY 2021 Budget & Volunteers

The group discussed that we should have shovel ready projects and that we should really attempt to enlist a lot of volunteer help to fit in our budget. Also, a discussion on the 400 block was had about filling in the vacant lots, and whether it could be parking or gardens.

9. Bills

Moved by Dave Geisler and seconded by Rick Campioni to pay the bills.

Voice vote: Ayes: Leah Polzien, David Geisler, Rick Campioni, Peter Hahn, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville

Nays: None

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9. Adjourn

Moved by Dave Geisler and seconded by Rick Campioni to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 PM

Voice vote: Ayes: Leah Polzien, David Geisler, Rick Campioni, Peter Hahn, Lorri Oikarinen,
Andrew Ranville
Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Hahn
Secretary