

CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING AGENDA
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL
340 SIXTH STREET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
September 1, 2020 via gotomeeting – 1:00 PM

*This meeting was held remote in accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order temporarily allowing participation in public meetings due to the COVID-19 Virus.

Present means: Attending the meeting by way of video conference either by computer or telephone.

Absent means: The individual was not present in any way including neither video nor phone.

Present: Leah Polzien, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville, Tom Dumble, JW Miller, and Pete Hahn.
*Dave Geisler arrived at 1:08PM.

Absent: Tim Bies, Rick Campioni,

Also Present: Manager Katz

I. Call to Order

- A. Chair Polzien called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Acceptance of Agenda

Andrew Ranville made the motion to accept the agenda and it was seconded by JW Miller. A roll call vote was performed.

Ayes- Leah Polzien, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville, Tom Dumble, JW Miller, and Pete Hahn

Nays-None

Motion Passed-6/0

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Andrew Ranville made the motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Lorri Oikarinen. A roll call vote was performed.

Ayes- Leah Polzien, David Geisler, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville, Tom Dumble, JW Miller, and Pete Hahn

Nays-None

Motion Passed-7/0

IV. Agenda

1. Petitions from the Public

There were no petitions from the public.

2. Calumet Greenspace Improvement Project

Leah Polzien gave an update on the greenspace public comment section, greenspace met yesterday, and noted that Sandy Johnson has resigned. The committee reviewed the comments. The only recommendation was made on the trees next to the theatre, they need a decision on what will occur with those trees. They want to only move on with Fifth Street work at the moment. Steve DeLong will work on phasing for that side on Fifth Street.

Andrew Ranville had questions on what will be occurring, had idea to do different art exhibit type things related to the flag pole and area. Steve DeLong will not be drawing construction documents, at that point a professional will need to be hired. An update was asked for on the theatre trees and if an arborist has been contacted, Manager Katz will try to locate one.

Andrew Ranville asked as to whether we will be getting a replacement for Sandy Johnson.

Lorri Oikarinen asked a question about the greenspace, if there is an arrangement to light the

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trees and if that is in the plan to do so. Leah Polzien gave update and details on how electricity to that area of the greenspace is being factored into the plan.

3. 400 Block Community Garden

Leah Polzien has not put in the application for this yet, however she has gotten some cost estimates. She wants to add in room for compost and storage, and a shed. DPW has staked out the property lines with Hein Surveying. Andrew Ranville recommended not removing stumps and brush by the alley, Lorri Oikarinen gave an opinion on the vegetation and that it would be nice to see the vegetation while riding her bike over there.

4. DDA Plan Update

Leah Polzien gave update on the DDA plan update and explained that Manager Katz and Jeff Ratcliffe met and herself met with John Iacoangeli from Beckett and Raeder. She filled in the DDA on the meeting and what was discussed. She shared John Iacoangeli's ideas and recommendations and his recommendations on zoning and she is excited to receive more feedback from him. We have to begin enforcing and being more strict on HDC guidelines and everyone following them. Using the Federal standard from the Secretary of Interior will be very helpful. Lorri Oikarinen had a comment that we should following the HDC guidelines we have created locally, rather than using the SOI's recommendations. Tom Dumble shared thoughts on having upstairs apartments in the new zoning and reserving some areas for parking only. Leah Polzien had one last thought on polices and procedures, and Leah checked with Andrew who had volunteered getting us a template for policies and procedures, which he has not acquired yet, but is working on it.

5. CDBG Update

Leah Polzien updated the DDA that work on Andrew Ranville's building has begun. Manager Katz updated the DDA that the first two payments to REJ have occurred.

6. WUPPDR Marketing Grant

Chelsea is working on video with licensed music, and she got some downtown business footage and she is editing it. Leah Polzien has one remote worker story to share.

7. Community Watch

Leah Polzien asked JW Miller for update on this topic. He had some new information, he found a national organization. It is a free group to join, but individual members can join for a cost and get additional perks. He is going to do additional research on another program as well, and look into what the groups in Madison, WI do.

8. Bills

Lorri Oikarinen made the motion to approve the bills and it was seconded by Tom Dumble. A roll call vote was performed.

Ayes- Leah Polzien, David Geisler, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville, Tom Dumble, JW Miller, and Pete Hahn

Nays-None

Motion Passed-7/0

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9. Adjourn

Andrew Ranville made the motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Pete Hahn.

A roll call vote was performed.

Ayes- Leah Polzien, David Geisler, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville, Tom

Dumble, JW Miller, and Pete Hahn

Nays-None

Motion Passed-7/0

Meeting Adjourned at 2:22PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Caleb Katz

DDA Administrator

08/18/2020