

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
VILLAGE OF CALUMET
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL
340 SIXTH ST
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
November 10, 2020 2pm Via Gotomeeting**

Present: Chair Leah Polzien

Members: Lorri Oikarinen, Rick Campioni, Tom Dumble, JW Miller, Pete Hahn
(arrived at 2:15PM)

Also present from the village: None

Public Present: None

Absent: Andrew Ranville

Vacant: One Seat

I. 2:00PM Chair Polzien called the meeting to order and the pledge was recited.

II. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion made by Rick Campion and seconded by Tom Dumble to accept the agenda as written.

Chair Polzien polled the DDA:

Yes: Lorri Oikarinen, Rick Campioni, Tom Dumble, JW Miller, Leah Polzien

Nay: None

Motion Carried: 5/0

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Rick Campion and seconded by Tom Dumble to accept the agenda as written.

Chair Polzien polled the DDA:

Yes: Lorri Oikarinen, Rick Campioni, Tom Dumble, JW Miller, Leah Polzien

Nay: None

Motion Carried: 5/0

IV. Agenda

1. Petitions from the Public

No petitions given.

2. Electric Car Charging Stations—Angela Yu, WUPPDR

Angela Yu presented from WUPPDR. She presented on electric cars and the communities that have EV chargers for electric vehicles. She explained that there were many different styles of chargers and went over where most of these are located. Lorri Oikarinen asked a few questions about costs, availability, and if it works with ebikes. Angela Yu explained the costs are around \$4,000.00+ for midlevel. JW Miller gave some input from the perspective of an electric vehicle owner. Leah Polzien asked about how payment and memberships work regarding paying for the electricity. Pete

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Hahn was concerned about if there is a large amount of money spent on this item, how much will be used?

3. Fiber Optic Service

Leah Polzien gave an overview of the history of trying to get fiber optic into the Village. She also explained the costs that can be associated with bringing in fiber optic, and that it can be very expensive. Lorri Oikarinen wanted clarification on the “free” fiber optic hybrid that Main St., has. Leah Polzien asked if there was any action anyone wished to take, the group decided not to take any action on the topic.

4. Calumet Greenspace Improvement Project

Update was given on the phased approach for the Greenspace improvement. Leah Polzien asked for an update on the trees in theatre lot. Until DDA knows about what is going on with the lots over near it, it is difficult to make any decisions or recommendations to the council. The next step is to have a landscape architect provide a detailed drawing on what would be done and official cost estimates. Further discussion was had that we have lost some members on the Greenspace committee, and if anyone had any suggestions, and they will be advertising to try to find more members.

5. 400 Block Community Garden

Leah Polzien gave an update, and that her father in law has donated a huge amount of lumber. The wood needs to be moved, and that DPW will be helping, but she needs additional volunteers.

6. DDA Plan Update

Leah Polzien talked about the Village wide mailer she is considering as an option, this mailer will have a survey and ask for public input on the new DDA plan update. The post card will be the best option due to how most people in the Village get their information. Additional discussion was had on when the surveys should be returned, January 15 would be a good time.

Motion to send out mailer to connect community and conduct survey made by Lorri Oikarinen, seconded by Pete Hahn

Yeas: Lorri Oikarinen, JW Miller, Rick Campioni, Tom Dumble, Leah Polzien. Pete Hahn

Nays: None

Motion Passed 6/0

7. CDBG Update

Lorri Oikarinen gave update on her building, they are still waiting on their windows. There are some changes happening with the grant agreements for other buildings. Pay requests and payments have been moving along smoothly.

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8. Marketing

Leah Polzien updated the DDA on marketing, Chelsea is still working on our video and fall promo. She has also gotten new music for it.

9. DDA Property Update

Leah Polzien gave update on 425 fifth, there was a large work crew and volunteers to clean out that building. Supports have gone up in the basement. November 23, 2020 will be next work group. Leah Polzien discussed the draft resolution she sent before the meeting; she discussed the issues with certain buildings.

10. Community Watch

JW Miller had no new updates on Community Watch. Leah Polzien talked about using cameras, and she has not been able to make much headway as of late. She could use some information and contact information for people who are versed in this area.

11. Vacancy

Leah Polzien would like to have this posted, and try to get a new member, and this person will need to have an interest in the downtown.

12. Bills

Motion to pay bills made by Rick Campioni and seconded by Lorri Oikarinen
Yeas: Lorri Oikarinen, JW Miller, Rick Campioni, Tom Dumble, Leah Polzien. Pete Hahn
Nays: None
Motion Passed 6/0

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by JW Miller and seconded by Lorri Oikarinen
Yeas: Lorri Oikarinen, JW Miller, Rick Campioni, Tom Dumble, Leah Polzien. Pete Hahn
Nays: None
Motion Passed 6/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Caleb C. D. Katz
DDA Administrator
November 19, 2020