

Downtown Development Authority
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2008

Present: Randy Clark, Joe Repanshek, Gary Fagin, Don Beck, Barb Herzog,
Dawn Tenpenny, David Murphy
Absent: Gretchen Phillips, Vicki Serra

Also present: Ed Brown, South Lyon Business Owner

Chairperson Clark called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

The July 10, 2008 minutes were presented
Motion to approve as presented
By Herzog. Second by Fagin
Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens comments

Ed Brown noted that the paver bricks in front of the Bakery did not look like they were installed properly with a gap that could cause a problem. Murphy said he would look into it to make sure they finish it correctly. Brown also commented that construction interference has been minimal.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Finance – Board was presented with an updated financial report. Everyone was asked to study it for discussion at the next meeting and if you have any questions please feel free to call Murphy.
2. Business Relations – Murphy asked if we had a complete list of DDA businesses. The city is starting a recycling program for the DDA and apartment dwellers in September and he would like to contact everyone with the details. Clark responded that he had a partial list and would forward it to him. Other updates: Arby's will close and re-open as a Biggsby coffee. Taco Bell on hold for now. Meijers is still on go, and Murphy met with someone interested in the Bistro 127 to open as restaurant/bar. He also met with someone interested in Biggsy's Sports Bar to open a sushi restaurant.
3. Streetscape – Lafayette is scheduled to shut down for paving on August 22-25.

4. Bike Racks – After investigating where the old bike racks might be, Murphy discovered that they were never ordered. That would explain why they were never installed! Clark will talk to South Lyon Cycle to get their input on purchasing new racks and where to put them. He will also invite them to the next meeting possibly to discuss this with us. Fagin made a suggestion that we start putting time frames on our new projects so we don't keep re-visiting our ideas.
5. Pumpkinfest – Everything is on go, and Clark made a suggestion that we work more closely with the Chamber on this and future projects.
6. Maintenance – Phillips was absent, so we'll get a report next month. Beck commented that maybe we should get a monthly report from the contractor letting us know what was done each month and how many hours it took them. Clark will talk to Phillips about it.
7. Beautification – Flowers planted in the city did not do so well this year. They were watered regularly, so we're not sure what happened. Clark suggested that maybe we could get groups like the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts to take on some of the maintenance. A lot of groups are looking for service projects like this, but we're not sure how reliable they would be. Murphy commented that he would like to hire college students for the summer to water and weed regularly.

NEW BUSINESS – None

Motion to adjourn

Motion by Beck, second by Herzog

Motion carried unanimously

9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Randy Clark, Chair

Dawn Tenpenny, Recording Secretary