

ANN ARBOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 2, 2012

DDA Offices, 150 S. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Place: DDA Office, 150 S. Fifth Avenue, Suite 301, Ann Arbor, 48104
Time: DDA Chair Bob Guenzel called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Newcombe Clark, Robert Guenzel, Leah Gunn, Roger Hewitt, Joan Lowenstein, John Mouat, Keith Orr, Sandi Smith, John Splitt

Absent: Russ Collins, John Hieftje, Nader Nassif

Staff Susan Pollay, Executive Director

Present: Joe Morehouse, Deputy Director
Amber Miller, Planning & Research Specialist
Jada Hahlbrock, Management Assistant

Audience: Dave Askins, Ann Arbor Chronicle
Adrian Iraola, PAC
Andrew Cluley, WEMU
Art Low, Republic Parking System
Josie Parker, AADL
Will Hassett
Ryan Stanton, AnnArbor.com
Ryan Bonner, Brightline Technologies
Nancy Shore, getDowntown
Ray Detter, Downtown Area CAC

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Treasurer: Mr. Guenzel asked for nominations for the position of Treasurer. Mr. Hewitt was nominated by Ms. Lowenstein and seconded by Ms. Gunn. There were no other nominations.

A vote on the motion to approve the nomination showed:

AYES: Clark, Guenzel, Gunn, Hewitt, Lowenstein, Mouat, Orr, Smith, Splitt

NAYS: None

Absent: Collins, Hieftje, Nassif

Abstain: None

The motion carried.

Secretary: Mr. Guenzel asked for nominations for the position of Secretary. Mr. Orr was nominated by Ms. Gunn and seconded by Mr. Mouat. There were no other nominations.

A vote on the motion to approve the nomination showed:

AYES: Guenzel, Gunn, Hewitt, Lowenstein, Mouat, Orr, Smith, Splitt

NAYS: None

Absent: Collins, Hieftje, Nassif
Abstain: Clark
The motion carried.

Vice-Chair: Mr. Guenzel asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Ms. Smith was nominated by Mr. Splitt and seconded by Mr. Mouat. There were no other nominations.

A vote on the motion to approve the nomination showed:
AYES: Guenzel, Gunn, Hewitt, Lowenstein, Mouat, Orr, Splitt, Smith
NAYS: None
Absent: Collins, Hieftje, Nassif
Abstain: Clark
The motion carried.

Chair: Mr. Guenzel asked for nominations for the position of Chair. Ms. Gunn was nominated by Mr. Orr and seconded by Ms. Smith. There were no other nominations.

A vote on the motion to approve the nomination showed:
AYES: Clark, Guenzel, Gunn, Hewitt, Lowenstein, Mouat, Orr, Smith, Splitt
NAYS: None
Absent: Collins, Hieftje, Nassif
Abstain: None

3. DDA COMMITTEES

Mr. Guenzel said that at the Annual Meeting the DDA committees were to be evaluated, and he affirmed that at this time the three standing committees would remain unchanged, although DDA members were welcomed to join or remove themselves from any of these committees.

Mr. Hewitt moved and Ms. Lowenstein seconded the motion to rename the Bricks and Money and Transportation committee the Operations Committee. A vote on the motion to approve the name change showed:

AYES: Clark, Guenzel, Gunn, Hewitt, Lowenstein, Mouat, Orr, Smith, Splitt
NAYS: None
Absent: Collins, Hieftje, Nassif
The motion carried.

4. STAFF THANK YOU TO THE BOARD AND OUTGOING DDA CHAIR

Ms. Pollay thanked the DDA board members for their extraordinary hard work this year and the untold amount of volunteer hours they contributed in support of the downtown. She noted that a great deal has been accomplished, and they should feel very proud. For instance, even before the new parking structure construction has been completed it has already helped encourage new businesses to take hold in downtown. But with the completion of the structure will come the chance to take a step back and reevaluate new priorities and projects, and she looked forward to a

strategy session in the fall. Ms. Pollay singled out and thanked outgoing Chair Bob Guenzel for the wisdom, mentorship and insight he shared with her this year.

Mr. Guenzel thanked his fellow board members for their hard work and said he appreciated that the board is active in DDA matters and in the community in general. He said he was already looking forward to the next year, and new opportunities and projects for the DDA.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Ms. Gunn moved and Mr. Orr seconded the motion to adjourn. Mr. Guenzel declared the meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pollay, Executive Director