

City of St. Louis Downtown Development Authority

Minutes of Regular Meeting: July 27, 2023

Present: Bailey, Eilts, Giles, Kubin, Peterman, Lewis also Hansen

Guest: Wyatt Minor, Kubin's Furniture & Mattresses

Absent/Excused: Flegel, Saurman, Nannan, Coty

Meeting called to order by Peterman at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes of meeting of April 20, 2023 were reviewed.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Giles to approve the minutes of April 20, 2023 and place them on file. All Ayes/Motion Carried.

Financial statement presented through June 30, 2023.

Moved by Lewis, supported by Bailey to approve the financials through June 30, 2023 and place them on file. All Ayes/Motion Carried.

Quarterly Report from Hansen (attached) including Downtown Properties and Project Activities; Properties Available for Purchase/Rent; Streetscape Improvements/Maintenance and Signage; Promotion/Advertising and Events

Moved by Bailey, supported by Giles to accept the Quarterly Report and place on file. All Ayes/Motion Carried.

DDA Façade Grant Program – recent grants included:

Greg Butcher - \$1,000

Flegel Investments - \$980.00

Kubin's Furniture - \$1,000.00

Tienda Mexicana El Cunao - \$500.00

4Seasons Gym - \$500.00

Other inquiries for the future: The Snack Guys, Woody's Music, Gemini Capital Management

Hansen recommended that the Façade Grant Program be continued and promoted again.

Moved by Bailey, supported by Giles to allot an additional \$5,000 towards the DDA Façade Grant Program. All Ayes/Motion Carried.

Planning for 2023

Continuing to work on Available Properties list. Several already being addressed.

Physical appearance of the downtown was discussed including:

Signage – still considering something on Commercial Bank corner, VFW mitten sign and Kubin's Furniture west wall

improvement of yellow bollards – Hansen will coordinate purchase of sleeves to cover bollards rather than pay to have them wire brushed and painted; cost per sleeve is approximately \$40

City has upgraded our Downtown WI-FI out of necessity for their needs. Service now has been improved to the pool building so that workers can access items they need to work and service is

also being extended to Clapp Park, as the City needs it there for installation of surveillance cameras. This will allow visitors in Clapp Park access to the WI-FI service. It will also make it available to the grassy lot next to The Shop Graphics & Design so that a pocket park might be created there.

Board requested that the October DDA meeting be held at 5:30 PM so that they could have time for some additional planning. Hansen will arrange the details, arrange food to be brought in, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

**NEXT MEETING DATE IS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023
AT 5:30 PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN ST. LOUIS CITY HALL**