

City of St. Louis Downtown Development Authority

Minutes of Regular Meeting: April 18, 2024

Present: Lewis, Bailey, Saurman, Coty, Minor, Giles, Eilts also Hansen

Absent/Excused: Peterman, Nannan

Meeting called to order by Lewis at 12:15 p.m. Welcomed guest Dennis Collison, former St. Louis City Manager.

Moved by Coty, supported by Bailey to accept the resignation of Brandon Flegel from the St. Louis DDA Board with regrets. All Ayes/Motion Carried.

Discussion on DDA Board Membership. Currently nine members. Board felt like that was a good number as we continue to get a quorum at meetings.

Minutes and Quarterly Report of the meeting of January 25, 2024 were reviewed.

Moved by Bailey, supported by Giles to approve the minutes and Quarterly Report of January 25, 2024 and place them on file. All Ayes/Motion Carried.

Financial statement presented through March 31, 2024.

Moved by Giles, supported by Coty to approve the financials through March 31, 2024 and place them on file. All Ayes/Motion Carried.

Quarterly DDA Director report. Hansen presented the report (attached) which includes:

Projects/Available Properties/Business Attraction

Streetscape Improvements/Maintenance/Signage

Promotion/Advertising/Events

DDA Façade Grant Program

Kubin's Furniture – \$1,000 towards awnings – installation coming soon

Law Office of Rhonda Clark – \$575 towards signs – completed

Potential grants in the future: Subway, Black Castle Music, 4Seasons Gym, MAC-TV, River Rock

Planning for 2024 – Board reviewed some items that have come up in recent meetings:

Lewis was willing to look at having a picnic table placed on a slab between Jim's Barber Shop and St. Louis Optics. Hansen will follow up.

An entryway sign at the entrance to North Mill Street off M-46 is still being explored. E & S Graphics is supposed to get us a price for a hanging LED sign.

Eilts expressed a willingness to have a mural painted on the back of the 4Seasons Gym building.

Black metal benches on M-46 (nine of them) need restoration. St. Louis DPW got an estimate to have them sandblasted and powder coated of \$11,178. Hansen will look at funding options.

Board also asked that Hansen get an estimate to paint the fire hydrants throughout downtown.

Coty passed along information from multiple places on the potential for electric vehicle charging stations being placed downtown. Collison mentioned that we probably should consider an ordinance regarding the use of these. Imlay City had trouble with people parking in the spaces for long periods of time, etc.

DDA Board would also like to continue to look at a pocket park of some type west of The Shop Graphics & Design.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.

**NEXT MEETING DATE IS
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024
AT 12:15 PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN ST. LOUIS CITY HALL**