

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016**

1. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

The Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Jim Reagan.

Present: Chair Jim Reagan, Mike Larkin, Dave Pasquale, April McClure, Rita Reister and Cliff Yankovich.

Absent: Dean Lonick, Brian Doyle and Mike Sprenger

Also Present: City Treasurer Sue Olin, Chief Steve Bukala and Mayor Jeff Altoft.

2. **EXCUSE OF ABSENSES**

IT WAS MOVED BY LARKIN and seconded by REISTER to excuse the absence of Boardmembers, Lonick, Doyle and Sprenger

YES: 6. NO: 0. ABSENT: 3. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED BY PASQUALE and seconded by LARKIN to approve the agenda as written.

YES: 6. NO: 0. ABSENT: 3. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

No comments were received.

5. **LARA TRAIL FUNDING**

Boardmember Pasquale mentioned the DDA should be considering the funding request and not the location of the trail as long as it is within the DDA district itself. Mayor Altoft mentioned the trail is in the city right of way, therefore the DDA cannot make specific requests. He added he also spoke with Boardmember and property owner Dean Lonick, who indicated he is no longer against the trail.

Betsy Davison, of the Lowell Trailway, mentioned the trail has a one million dollar liability policy. She added the insurance cannot be indemnified, unless leasing the property. She stated the trail way is an authority and has guidelines regarding maintenance. Boardmember Yankovich questioned if this ties into maintaining the trail? Davidson responded they will follow the authority guidelines by plowing and mowing. She noted phase one of the trail has been seal coated. Chair Reagan questioned if Lonick would be responsible for maintenance?

Mark Anderson of the Lowell Trailway mentioned Michigan Trails Act protects all landowners residing next to trails. The group will work with Lonick on ideas and signage.

Altoft mentioned the Council will be reviewing the rules governing trails.

Pasquale suggested voting the previous motion made at the last meeting and then making a new motion.

Reagan question if the board was in favor of the original motion made by Sprenger and seconded by McClure to approve \$35,000 for the Lowell Trailway.

Yes: 0. NO: 6. ABSENT: 3. MOTION FAILED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MCCLURE and seconded by YANKOVICH to provide \$35,000 to the Lowell Trailway for trails within the DDA District.

YES: 5. NO: 1. (Reagan) ABSENT: 3. MOTION CARRIED.

Anderson stated the Lowell Trailway would like to form a partnership with the DDA and continue to address concerns regarding trails.

Chairman Reagan thanked City Manager Pasquale for his background knowledge of the DDA and a smooth transition as Manager.

IT WAS MOVED BY LARKIN and seconded by YANKOVICH to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

YES: 6. NO: 0 ABSENT: 3. MOTION CARRIED.

Date:

APPROVED:

James E. Reagan, Chair

Susan Ullery, City Clerk