

**RECORD OF  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/GRAYLING MAIN STREET  
PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE  
8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021  
1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN**

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**I. Meeting called to order by Chair Shaw at 8:39 A.M.**

**\*New Member Kyle Stonehouse sworn in\***

**II. Roll Call**

Members Present: Shaw, Baum, Podjaske, Swander, LaFontaine, Pettyjohn,  
Tremonti, Millikin, Stonehouse

Members Absent: None

Also, in attendance: Main Street Manager Gosling, City Deputy Clerk/Treasurer  
Goodwin

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

**21-021**

Moved by Milliken seconded by Tremonti to approve the agenda as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancies: 0,

**Motion Carried.**

**V. Approval of Consent Agenda**

DDA/GMS Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2021.

Member Swander pointed out her name does not have an ‘S’ at the end of it.

**21-022**

Moved by Pettyjohn seconded by LaFontaine to approve the Consent Agenda with  
the correction to Member Swander’s last name.

**Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancies: 0,

**Motion Carried.**

**VI. PUBLIC HEARING – Master Plan and Strategy**

No public comment.

**VII. Treasurer’s Report**

**A. Revenue/Expenditure Report through March 2021**

Nothing new to update. Will go over during the work session in 2 weeks, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**21-023**

Moved by Swander seconded by LaFontaine to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancies: 0,

**Motion Carried.**

**VIII. City Manager Report**

Member Baum mentioned the fencing going up around the Avalanche building but were still waiting on the permit to start demolition. It’s unclear how long after demo is completed that the new construction would begin due to waiting on a letter of intent from MEDC. The target is Summer of 2022 for construction to be complete. He mentioned there would be teal ribbons being put up downtown for domestic violence awareness. He also explained that GPA donated funds to revamp the picnic tables downtown and are also working on seeking funding for stones, east side launch and mulch for the playground at City Park.

Member LaFontaine asked about the Farmer’s Market. Member Baum replied that the plan is to have it currently. He did talk to Tractor Supply about possibly using the parking lot but Corporate does not allow outside vendors. He is still looking into it. He explained that the City is looking into a online market store and that Traverse City would be a good source to use as a template. Customers would be able to order online and pickup at a designated located with specific dates and times. He mentioned that possibly Chairperson Shaw’s building could be a potential pickup location and that this would be a project through NEMCOG.

**IX. Main Street Manager Report**

**A. Monthly Report**

Main Street Manager Gosling gave a verbal report. She mentioned that Paddle Hard applied for a grant. She mentioned that she had been talking with Marilyn Crowley and Dan from the Fairview Market and they’re hoping to have a Meat Market similar to the one in Roscommon at the new Sawmill building. She mentioned that MEDC and tech services (design services) for Shopennagons met last week and will again

today at 4pm for a walk-through. She mentioned that Paddle Hard liquor license will go to City Council next week. Members had general discussion.

**X. Unfinished Business – DDA/Main Street**

**A. State of Properties** – Member Baum explained that Senator Stabenow is going for federal funding for the Northern Market because she believes this is a resource the community needs and that the Governor’s office is trying to get MEDC to come back to the table. They have a meeting scheduled for today.

Member Shaw mentioned the drywall should be done this week at his property. The countertops on order have been pushed back and are waiting on those. Internet lines should be installed next week. A tenant has moved in to the front apartment already.

**B. MainStreet Manager’s Office**

No update

**C. Work Plans-Budget**

Main Street Manager Gosling explained each work plan handed out to Members.

Member LaFontaine explained that Chevy/GMC donated funds and they were looking into options for that donation.

Member Baum mentioned things were moving forward with the Canoe Race.

Member discussed the possibility of a Car Show the end of Summer.

**21-024**

Moved by Baum seconded by Tremonti to approve the Work Plans as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancies: 0,

**Motion Carried.**

**XI. New Business – DDA/Main Street**

**A. Social District**

Main Street Manager explained the coverage area in which would be included in the proposed Social District. She explained the mapping of the red and yellow lines allowing outdoor drinks. Businesses choosing to participate would receive specific signage (window sticker) showing participation as well as disposable plastic cup stickers branding specific for district. There would need to be signage to identify the

outdoor boundaries as well. Members asked about additional trash receptacles being added downtown for the disposable cups being discarded. She explained it would also be up to the businesses' whether or not to allow outside drinks to be brought into their business. Members had general discussion.

**B. Director Review**

No update.

**C. Mainstreet support from City Council (\$50,000) for 21/22 Budget**

Main Street Manager Gosling mention this would be the 8<sup>th</sup> year presently for GMS and would be asking for City Council's support at the meeting on Monday.

**D. Crosswalks Painting Project**

Main Street Manager Gosling explained there would be 4 crosswalks at the Peninsular and Michigan intersection. There would be stencils, created by Member Pettyjohn's father, used for the paddles and would be painted in blue, yellow and green to follow the GMS color theme. She explained that using spray paint would not be permanent but last about 6-12 months to try before making it permanent. She mentioned that it would be done either late at night or during early morning hours to avoid traffic but would depend on weather and humidity.

**E. Michigan Main Street Agreement**

Main Street Manager Gosling requested the support from Members to continue being a part of Main Street.

**21-025**

Moved by Pettyjohn seconded by LaFontaine to approve to continue being a part of Michigan Main Street.

**Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancies: 0,

**Motion Carried.**

**III. MS Committee Report**

**A. Org Committee** – Member Tremonti mentioned there was a meeting on Wednesday 4/21 @ 9am at Grayling Restaurant and that ideas were welcomed and encouraged.

**B. Design** – Nothing new to report.

**C. EV (Economic Vitality)/Promotions** –No Report

#### **IV. Community Meetings Update:**

- A. CCEDP-** Meeting is next month. Currently there is a trucking company trying to get funding to extend Industrial Drive out to 4 Mile Rd.
- B. Historical Museum** – Will be opening next month and will resume with regular meetings.
- C. GPA** – Member Tremonti mentioned the Arts & Crafts show will be the first weekend in October. The next meeting is April 13 @ noon at Gray Rock.

#### **V. Public Comment – None**

#### **VI. Member Comments**

Member LaFontaine mentioned there are multiple projects in the works but nothing to announce yet.

Member Milliken mentioned previous building the Tip'n the Mitten ~~The Sweet Life~~ occupied is up for sale. She also mentioned there were kids needing community services hours.

Member Pettyjohn mentioned he noticed the trees being cut down and it looks nice.

Member Podjaske explained that there could be possible Brownfield grant opportunities for the Hospitality House if it's found there's contaminated soil.

Members asked about the light pole donation art piece. Main Street Manager Gosling stated she has never been able to get in contact with him again.

Mainstreet Manager Gosling ~~Member Baum~~ mentioned there is a meeting next week with Bill Dawson about the Marathon Parade and possibly looking at doing a Stationary Parade.

#### **VII. Correspondence**

None

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

**21-026**

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by LaFontaine to adjourn the meeting.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancies: 0,

**Motion Carried.**

Chairperson Shaw adjourned the meeting at 10:59 A.M.

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Chelsea Goodwin  
City Deputy Clerk/Treasurer