

**RECORD OF
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/GRAYLING MAIN STREET
PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE
9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021
1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN**

I. Meeting called to order by Chair Person Tremonti at 8:34 A.M.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Swander, LaFontaine, Pettyjohn (by phone), Tremonti, and Stonehouse
Members Absent: Shaw, Millikin*, Podjaske, and Baum
Millikin arrived late at 8:38 AM
Also, in attendance: Main Street Manager Gosling

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Agenda

21-053

Moved by Swander seconded by LaFontaine to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0, Absent: 4, Vacancies: 0,

Motion Carried.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

DDA/GMS Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2021.

21-054

Approved 8/12/21 minutes with two corrections, 1) Page 6 of 7, Org committee remarks were made by Tremonti not Swander, 2) Page 7 of 7, Chairperson Tremonti adjourned the meeting not Shaw.

Moved by LaFontaine seconded by Stonehouse to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0, Absent: 4, Vacancies: 0,

Motion Carried.

VI. Treasurer's Report

A. Revenue/Expenditure Report through July and August 2021

No report from treasurer.

21-055

Moved by Swander seconded by Stonehouse to accept and file the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0, Absent: 3, Vacancies: 0,

Motion Carried.

VII. City Manager Report

No city manager report, City Manager Baum was absent from the meeting.

VIII. Main Street Manager Report

A. Monthly Report

Main Street Manager Gosling got a consensus regarding an upcoming Planning Commission training through MEDC, date set is Oct 14th.

Gosling notified Board of higher than usual planned absences during the month of September.

Gosling mentioned departure of City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson

IX. Unfinished Business – DDA/Main Street

A. State of Properties

Gosling shared Sawmill Ribbon Cutting ceremony was scheduled
Backyard liquor license has been resubmitted and is pending approval
Former Tip'n the Mitten store front has new ownership and a fresh façade
Dance studio moved out of the DDA district
Huber Lending Team relocated outside of the DDA district
Thompson law office expanded to Thompson and Truesch
New salon, Smoke and Mirrors opened in district.

B. Social District

Gosling hosted an online meeting for downtown businesses preceding the promotional push of the district. It was not well attended but was recorded and sent to businesses.

Member Pettyjohn did not like how Gosling handled a situation at a downtown business regarding a social district participant.

Members would like to see the development of window cling signage for downtown businesses

Member Swander requested exploring less expensive cups for the social district going forward.

C. Mainstreet Manager (Director) Review

Chairperson Tremonti sent out review forms, has not received all responses.

Board was asked to complete Self-assessment.

X. New Business – DDA/Main Street

A. Harvest Festival

Gosling told board it was moving forward with the event, with a much lighter load of events.

Members requested printed fliers for businesses be printed.

B. Colorful Nights Out

Gosling shared that Sweet Life owner, Anne Tuck, would like to host retrieval event in October based on Halloween, Witches Walk (name pending). Gosling recommended combining that event with the October Colorful Night Out Raffle. Board agreed to do a weekend night is Anne was organizing the shopping event. They also wanted additional feedback on other businesses staying open late for the event.

III. MS Committee Report

A. Org Committee – No chair, no report.

B. Design – Gosling reported clock had been ordered. Member Pettyjohn discussed the location and adding trees to the installation.

C. EV (Economic Vitality)/Promotions –No updates.

IV. Community Meetings Update:

A. CCEDP- No Report

- B. Historical Museum** – Museum was open.
- C. GPA** – Chairperson Tremonti shared that Junque in the Trunk went well. GPA design committee has selected red white and blue flowers for downtown pots in 2022. Pictionary was cancelled. Festival of Trees is ramping up. Baum and Gosling to attend up-coming meeting.
- V. Public Comment** – None
- VI. Member Comments** – Member Pettyjohn asked where Member Shaw was. Suggested the board request resignations from disengaged members. Chairperson Tremonti mentioned that recent MMS Board Training brought up some opportunities to be a better program.
- VII. Correspondence**
- None
- VIII. Adjournment**
- 21-056**
- Moved by Swander seconded by LaFontaine to adjourn the meeting.
- Roll Call Vote**
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0, Absent: 3, Vacancies: 0,
Motion Carried.
- Chairperson Tremonti adjourned the meeting at 9:25 A.M.