

PROCEEDINGS
OF
LOWELL DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CITY OF LOWELL
Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL

Chairman Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. and Jenell Veltkamp called roll.

Present: Julie DeVoe, Lisa Plank and Steve Doyle

Absent: Ardis Barber, Jake Davenport

Also Present: Jenell Veltkamp

2. APPROVAL OF THE ABSENCES

IT WAS MOVED BY DOYLE and seconded by PLANK to approve the absences of DAVENPORT AND BARBER.

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION: CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY PLANK and seconded by DEVOE to approve the agenda as written

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION: CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS MOVED BY PLANK and seconded by DEVOE to approve the minutes of May 23, 2023 as written.

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION: CARRIED

5. PERMIT APPLICATION

a. 325 W Main – Exterior renovations; tuck pointing and painting

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVOE and seconded by DOYLE to approve painting and tuck-pointing the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

YES: 2 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION: CARRIED

1. GRANT APPLICATIONS

a. 325 W. Main St. – Exterior renovations; tuck-pointing and painting

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVOE and seconded by DOYLE to approve a 30% grant for tuck-pointing where needed and exterior painting.

Grant not to exceed \$9,200. Deadline is August 22, 2024.

YES: 5 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 MOTION: CARRIED

2. PROJECT UPDATES

301 W Main – BGR Investments LLC completed a progress report. The work is not in process and will likely not be completed by the deadline of 01/31/23.

The project has been submitted to Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

An email correspondence from MEDC states they lost a couple staff recently and their review time is a little slower than normal. They are waiting to hear back on staff assignment for this project. Once they have an assignment, they review typically takes a couple weeks and then the project goes to leadership asking for a letter of interest. MEDC will provide Brent Slagell with an update once it's been formally assigned.

3. OLD BUSINESS

HDC Orientation session – postponed till later date

4. NEW BUSINESS

Second progress report to be sent to BGR Investments LCC October 2nd for 301 W. Main.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IT WAS MOVED BY DOYLE and seconded by DEVOE to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Jenell Veltkamp