

August 4, 2021
Downtown Development Authority
Village of Bellevue
Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Bellevue Downtown Development Authority was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairperson Carpenter.

Roll Call:

Present: C. Carpenter, K. Sparks, J. Lambka, N. Roberts, J. Gunn-Jackson

Absent: M. Goodrich, K. Travis, R. McKillop,

N. Roberts moved to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2021 meeting, seconded by K. Sparks. Motion Carried.

The board agreed due to timing that we should move the Bellevue Farmer's Market discussion into next year. There are still some details that need to be figured out before we can move forward. The Farmer's Market will be placed in the Holding Area and brought up again early next year.

The downtown street banners discussion was continued. The club agreed that each member will come up with, or ask someone else to come up with, a few designs to share at our September meeting.

The idea of a Downtown Scavenger Hunt has been on the agenda for a couple months. Last noted R. McKillop was going to ask a couple community members if they were interested in starting this event. We will place this agenda item back in the Holding Area until more information is gathered.

A few community members have mentioned that it would be nice to have bike racks around town. N. Roberts did some research and came up with a few types that could be used if we choose to purchase some. U-Shaped racks range from \$113-\$220 per rack. Specialty ones are a little more expensive, specifically one with a pizza cut out was priced at \$365. J. Gunn-Jackson made a motion to have the DDA spend up to \$2,000 to purchase bike racks for around town if other funding is not found, seconded by J. Lambka.

N. Roberts was approached by the 20th Century Club in regards to them donating some funds to the DDA because they are disbanding the club. The club mentioned the DDA possibly using the funds to put in bathrooms, but we all agreed bathrooms may not be the best source of funds due to the amount of vandalism that is done to outdoor bathrooms. The board thought maybe the funds could be used to purchase the street banners or bike racks. N. Roberts will discuss with the 20th Century Club and report back next meeting.

In November there will be an MDA Annual Statewide Conference held in Detroit. The club agreed it will be beneficial to send someone to gain more knowledge on ways the DDA can help the community. C Carpenter motioned to have the DDA pay for N. Roberts to attend this two day conference, seconded by K. Sparks.

Rebecca Whitson is the new owner of the The Mix downtown Bellevue. She joined the meeting to get a feel for what the DDA does. By the end of the meeting she was interested in joining the board

to fill our last remaining vacant seat. J. Lambka made a motion to add Rebecca to the board, seconded by N. Roberts. N. Roberts will put this on the agenda for the next city council meeting to hopefully get their approval.

It was noted we need to move the Halloween event to the agenda for next month. C. Carpenter will update the Halloween flyers and have them to review for the September meeting.

N. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m., seconded by J. Lambka. Motion carried.