

Downtown Development Authority

Minutes

June 26, 2019

Call to Order

A meeting of the Grosse Pointe Park Downtown Development Authority was called to order by Chairman Dr Phillip Hessburg.

Roll Call

Present: Dr Phillip Hessburg, Lena Carlile, Mayor Robert Denner, Jessica Keyser, Dale Krajniak

Excused: Sharon Nelson

Minutes

Moved by Lean Carlile, supported by Robert Denner to accept minutes as presented.

Ayes: All Nays: None

DDA Recap

Dale Krajniak presented an overview of the Authority including its purpose, a review of past projects, a review of revenue sources from the County, prior land acquisitions and accompanying Jefferson Ave redevelopments along with the status of current activities.

Fiscal year 2019-2020 Budget

The proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year was presented for approval.

Current Captured County and City taxes	\$ 110,000
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Expenditures

Administrative, Accounting and Legal	\$ 10,000
Building, grounds	25,000
Contractual Services-Capital Imp.	<u>75,000</u>
Total Expenditures	110,000

Noted budget's primary focus will be the art center while the remaining expenditures consist of accounting fees, legal fees and monthly \$ 500 management fee.

Board members discussed art center project and the ongoing effort to move the project forward. Noted City of Detroit has agreed to sell the former DDOT lot which will allow for the detailed designs to move forward. Detroit appraised the site for \$ 300,000 of which funding is being provided by Paul Schaap. Once paperwork is complete the architect will begin detailed site planning which will include soil borings to determine the building's foundation requirements. Members discussed the Grosse Pointe Theatre intended use of the site. Noted they would seek to assist in fundraising and seek to lease the center for its performances throughout the year. They require 20 to 22 weekends to accommodate their seasonal schedules. Discussed future operations of the center and Krajniak noted Paul and Carol have initiated the creation of the Grosse Pointe Park Center for the Arts Foundation which will oversee and provide long-term support for the project. Members will consist of city representation, the Manoogian and Schaap family's representation along with Paul Lavins. Participation of the city would be limited and similar to that provided to the Library, snow plowing, salting etc. It was noted parking would be added to the vacant lot along Jefferson and the curb line would need to be adjusted in front of the lots to accommodate the need for ddot buses to comfortably loop along Jefferson so as to provide their return trip. Expected timeframe for startup would be in the Spring of 2020 and construction would require approximately 15 months to complete.

Moved by Phil Hessburg supported by Jessica Keyser to accept the budget as presented.

Ayes: All, Nays: None

New business

Board discussed establishing future meeting dates. Noted September 24, 2019 and March 19, 2020 would be tentatively scheduled so as to provide for annual informational meetings which will include invites of Wayne County governmental agencies from which captured taxes are derived. Members discussed future coordination of the downtown development authority and the Grosse Pointe Park Center for the Arts Foundation. Mayor Denner moved and supported by Dr Hessburg to appoint Krajniak at the DDA's liaison to the Foundation. Ayes: All Nays: None

Adjournment

Moved by Hessburg, supported by Denner to Adjourn. Ayes All Nays None.