

**CITY OF TECUMSEH  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 14, 2012

7:00 a.m. Tecumseh City Hall

- A. Chairman Manwaring called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.
- B. Members Present: Manwaring, B. Fox, J. Fox, Johnson, Kennedy, Koch, Masters, Slovinski and Stimpson.

Also Present: Paula Holtz, Economic Development Director.  
Denine Wells, Administrative Assistant.

Members Absent: Feldkamp, Kampmueller, Salsberry and Taylor.

**Motion by Johnson;** Supported by J. Fox.  
To excuse Feldkamp due to illness and Salsberry due to being out of county.  
*Motion carried.*

- C. Approval of Agenda.  
**Motion by J. Fox;** Supported by Johnson.  
To approve the agenda as presented.  
*Motion carried.*

- D. Public Comment RE: Items on the Agenda.  
None.

- E. **Motion by J. Fox;** Supported by Stimpson.  
To approve the minutes of May 10, 2012 meeting.  
*Motion carried.*

Kampmueller arrived at 7:05 a.m.

- F. Treasurer's Report  
**Motion by J. Fox;** Supported by B. Fox.  
To allow and pay the bills as presented.  
*Motion carried.*

**Motion by B. Fox;** Supported by Kennedy.  
To approve the May Financial Statement.  
*Motion carried.*

- G. Committee Updates

1. **Physical Improvement:**  
No Report.

Next Meeting: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 8:00 a.m. City Hall.

2. **Organization Committee:**  
No Report.

3. **Marketing Committee:**  
Holtz reported the *Downtown Tecumseh* and *Art Trail Tecumseh* brochures are being printed and should be ready by next week.

Next Meeting: July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 8:00 a.m. City Hall.

4. **Economic Development Committee:**  
No Report.

Next Meeting: July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 8:00 a.m. City Hall.

H. New Business

1. **Board Reappointments.**

**Motion by Johnson;** Supported by Kennedy.

To recommend the appointments of Bret Taylor, David Stimpson and Chris Masters to four year terms on the Tecumseh Downtown Development Authority Board to expire in August of 2016.  
*Motion carried.*

2. **Redesign of downtowntecumseh.com.**

**Motion by Kennedy;** Supported by Koch.

To approve designating \$1,600.00 of the DDA marketing budget to put toward upgrading the downtowntecumseh.com website in anticipation of the *Pure Michigan* campaign visitor traffic.  
*Motion carried.*

Taylor arrived at 7:14 a.m.

3. **Personal Property Tax.**

Holtz reported there has been no movement on the proposed legislation to eliminate the state's personal property taxes. There will probably not be any action before the first of the year. Approximately \$9,900 will be lost each year from the DDA budget if the legislation passes as presented.

Holtz reported on possible replacement revenue options the board directed her to investigate, including the amount 2 mills would generate if levied by the DDA as allowed by state law. This would generate approximately \$11,000 if enacted per year. There are other options, but will require a lot of participation from the DDA Board and other volunteers. Informational handouts were presented to the board on the Michigan Mainstreet program and a Principal Shopping District program. Holtz will be meeting with Cindy Czubko, who is involved in the Saline Mainstreet program. Holtz will come back to the board with more recommendations.

4. **July DDA Meeting.**

**Motion by Johnson;** Supported by Stimpson.

To cancel the DDA meeting scheduled for July 12, 2012 due to vacation conflicts.  
*Motion carried.*

5. **Alley Closure.**

Holtz reported City staff has had several internal discussions regarding the possible closure of the alley in the City's southwest parking lot, located between the Bidwell Building and Muk's Sports Pub. City staff is in support of closing this alley. If this were to happen the City would still retain ownership of it. There was much discussion.

**Motion by Stimpson;** Supported by Taylor.

To recommend to City Council the closure of the alley located between the Bidwell building and Muk's Sports Pub, up to 108 W. Chicago Boulevard.  
A roll call was taken.

B. Fox	Yes	J. Fox	Yes
Johnson	Yes	Kampmueller	Yes
Kennedy	Yes	Koch	Yes
Manwaring	No	Masters	Yes
Slovinski	Yes	Stimpson	Yes
Taylor	Yes		

*Motion carried.*

6. **Rental Rehabilitation Program.**

Holtz updated the board on the proposed Rental Rehabilitation Program. There are three downtown property owners who have made a verbal commitment to participate in this program. The program is continuing to move ahead.

I. Old Business

1. **CBA Update.**

J. Fox reported Market Days is July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, with the Pet Parade being held on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Appleumpkin planning is progressing and on schedule. The second *Classic Car & Bike Show* and the first *Music in the Park* of the season is June 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

2. **Chamber Update.**

J. Fox reported the Golf Outing was successful. *Business After Hours* was hosted by Grey Fox, Tecumseh Coins, The Book Nook and Dip Stix & Stuff. The Tecumseh Leads Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

3. **ED Department Update.**

None.

J. Public Comment RE: Items not on the Agenda.

None.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Manwaring at 7:56 a.m.

Secretary: Beth Kennedy  
Recorded by: Denine Wells