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SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MUNISING CITY COMMISSION
AND THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Meeting of the City Commission and Downtown Development Authority of the City of Munising, Michigan, Telephone 906-387-2095, will be held in the City Commission Meeting Room at 100 W. Munising Ave., Munising, MI at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2008.

This notice is given in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

Sue E. Roberts, City Clerk

AGENDA

1. Call to Order of Special Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call
2. Review DDA Map
3. Joint Tour of DDA District
4. Elm Street Improvements
5. Superior Street Improvements
6. DDA Director/City Personnel
7. Façade Program
8. Cox Building/DPW-Fire Hall Options
9. Relationship to Brownfield Authority and MAPD
10. Grants/Local Match
11. Conferences
12. Member Comments
13. Adjournment

CITY COMMISSION
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Official Proceedings

1. Call to Order of Special Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

The Special Meeting of the City Commission and the Downtown Development Authority was duly called and held on Monday, **September 22, 2008**, in the City Commission Meeting Room of City Hall. Mayor DesJardins called the Special Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

City Commission Present: Commissioners: Scholtz, Beauprey and Mayor DesJardins

City Commission Absent: Commissioners: Lovellette and Bornslaeger

DDA Members Present: Al Weymouth, Ruth Revord, Leif Street, Pat Gariepy, Ginger Erwin and Chris Gerou

DDA Members Absent: Richard Nebel and Debbie Nadeau

City Manager Bovin began the discussion by addressing "His Thoughts"

1. Master Plan: nearly completed, Important. Get a copy and review, Contribute, It sets goals!
2. Think Big: Where do we go/not go with development: Condos, Cox Building, City Hall?
3. Spend or Invest: It is different, Conference in Lansing and around U.P., Training is a life long benefit, Invest in buildings or benches and decorations.
4. Commitment: Like Al, all need to present ideas, develop or drop them depending on decisions.
5. Water and Sewer: ready for expansion.
6. Power and broadband: Also important.

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7. Tourism/Business Expansion: Mill is doing well and important.
8. Also Important: Tourist Park, Arena, Marina, Cemetery Industrial Park and Parks.
9. Think Beyond: Look at the whole, how do they connect? Connect the dots, where do we go from here? What is next and next and next and why?
10. Enclosed Corridor: For Peds/Bob Beauprey.
11. Man searching for Wealth: Munising
12. Design: Make City look good and inviting.
13. Orchestrate: You are the leaders; all the pieces are out there waiting for direction.
14. Look into the Future: 20 years from now, small lots, top of hill, shoreline, and museums.
15. Develop the workforce: raise the level of productivity, give them the tools, equipment and training.
16. Create Atmosphere: Physical and Emotional.
17. Build the City: From Cox's Addition to Brown's Addition, from Gage Rd. to Sand Point Rd.
18. Build the DDA: From Courthouse to Marina, from Glen's to the American Legion.
19. Undeveloped Lands: Walking paths, bike paths and parks.
20. Tony Schomin: Similar talented people to help part-time.
21. We need: Services, housing, incentives to attract business professionals.
22. DDA: New director, part-time, Donna is part-time, the two can equal full time, rethink assignments.
23. We need to have active Committees and Sub-Committees.
24. We need to make decisions NOW!

2. Review DDA Map

This item and item #3 and item #4 will be placed on the Downtown Development Authorities agenda for further discussion. It was felt that the map should be reviewed in depth there were a couple of questions as to why someone was in the district and why someone else was not.

3. Joint Tour of DDA District

This will be talked about at the next DDA meeting.

4. Elm Street Improvements

This will also be on the next DDA agenda; currently with the water/sewer project conduit is being placed under the street for future needs of street lighting.

5. Superior Street Improvements

As for Superior Street improvements the street needs to be replaced, we also need to fix what is under the pavement. First we need to determine what was replaced when Superior Street was last worked on.

6. DDA Director/City Personnel

The DDA Director is still a vacant position, Aaron Payment decided to take another position. The City will re-advertise for the position. It was felt that the DDA Director and the Munising Area Partnership for Development should be located in the same building, it was mentioned that the DDA budget had not included any rent.

7. Facade Program

Bovin felt that the DDA Director should get involved with this program.

8. Cox Building/DPW-Fire Hall Options

Mayor DesJardins made comment that the City hopes to build a new Fire Hall; currently we are looking at a variety of ways to fund the project. Nothing is definite. Weymouth mentioned that he thinks the Cox Building should be purchased. If the City were going to use that site the Telephone Company would have to have consideration for employees to park. Within the next couple of months the City is going to have to make a decision.

9. Relationship to Brownfield Authority and MAPD

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Regarding the Brownfield Authority and the Munising Area Partnership for Development; at this time all involved are working together. There are several sites for County Brownfield Projects.

10. Grants/Local Match

Regarding Grants and Local match funding; 100% grant funding no longer exists, the norm now is 50/50 match, the City needs to prioritize and look into the financial responsibility it can handle.

11. Conferences

Bovin indicated that people need to go to conferences, contacts need to be made; expenses are a concern at this time. He stated that all in attendance should make at least one trip to Lansing each year conferences are critical.

12. Member Comments

Commissioner Beauprey made comment on the "Green Belt" and there being many restrictions as to what they can be used for. Other areas on the hillside like where Pete Lindquist built his new home have a 50' setback. It was stated that there is plenty of land to be developed and this is what Munising needs, to grow. It was also agreed that a priority wish list needs to be made and all parties involved work together. The Fineman Building was questioned in order for the City to get monies the property would have to be vacant. Erwin asked about the Cox Building costing \$138,000.00 Bovin indicated that he felt it could be gotten for under \$100,000.00. Kelley stated that creating a marketing place in the downtown area is what the community needs and possibly the façade grants should be stricter and be more consistent, maybe new guidelines should be looked into. The Planning Commission has some rules but nothing regarding this. Kelley felt that marketing was essential and we need a plan.

13. Adjournment

Mayor DesJardins thanked everyone for coming, the meeting let out at 7:22 p.m.

Rod DesJardins, Mayor

Sue Roberts, City Clerk