

Downtown Development Authority Meeting November 19, 2019 – 7:30am

Members Present: Jeremy Borgman, Josh Thurkettle, Mark Alderink, Tom Zuniga, Bob Chapin, Bern Scholma, Rence Meredith, Pierce Roon, David VanderWall, Kristin Corner (via phone), Adam Elenbaas, Steve Spriensma

Absent: Ross Stevens

Agenda

1. Opportunity for public comment : None present
2. Approve minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting: Motion by Alderink, support by Meredith, motion carries.
3. Action Item: 2020 Meeting Dates: Motion to approve proposed upcoming dates made by VanderWall, support by Roon, motion carries.
4. Discussion Item: Fire Station Funding: Members were told the costs and funding information are being put together for the proposed new fire station. Members anticipate there will be a request for the DDA to contribute to the financing. Members discussed their opinions on what percentage & dollar amount they would be considered. Members also requested a breakdown of percentage of call volume that comes from within the DDA defined area. Additional details will be discussed in further meetings.
5. Discussion Item: Enhance Allendale Committee: Members discussed the formation of specific committee to focus on research of potential enhancements for the Township. The committee which was discussed in past meetings has not formally met to at this point. Members also discussed the possibility of an aquatic center that could support Allendale Township as well as the possibility of partnering with GVSU for development and future operation.
6. Discussion Item: Enhancement Grant Potential Application: Members were told of the possibility of a request for the Enhancement Grant, an application has not presently been presented. Members agreed they were interested in keeping the grant process available for requests. Members also discussed an Enhancement Committee to specifically consider any requests that are presented in the future. The committee's purpose would be to look through any requests and present their findings to the members. Meredith, Thurkettle, & Corner volunteered to participate. Motion made by VanderWall to form an Enhancement Grant committee, support by Alderink, motion carries. Members also commented they would like a summary from active committees to be scheduled to provide updates in future DDA meetings. Members briefly discussed current development progress, currently being excavated.
7. Public comment: None present

8. Next meeting: January 21, 2019 at 7:30am

9. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Scholma, support Vanderwall, meeting adjourned.