



MARQUETTE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2021

Call to Order: A Meeting of the Marquette Downtown Development Authority (MDDA) Board of Directors was held on Thursday September 9, 2021 at the Marquette Commons. The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson J. Ottaway at 8:02 a.m. with Directors R. Caron, N. Durley-Rust, J. Johnson, K. Kovacs, E. Kucharczyk, M. Morrison, R. Stern, and M. Weinrick present.

There were no additions to the agenda and a motion was made by R. Stern to approve the agenda, seconded by E. Kucharczyk, and the motion carried.

Public Comment: Frank Stable of 2463 US HWY 41: F. Stable is here to address concerns with The Vault Hotel and parking deck project. He stated as this project moves forward he feels the plans are very restrictive and he needs to make sure he has access to his building through or around this structure. He asked the board keep his concerns in mind when reviewing the project and its design as it's easier to make decisions now than after the building is built.

Consent Agenda: It was moved by E. Kucharczyk and seconded by K. Kovacs to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes from the August meeting, bills for approval for the period of 8/7/21-9/2/21, and financial reports as of 8/31/21.

906 Technologies	108.00	Marquette Maple Company	77.00
American Welding & Gas Inc	35.38	Marquette Wallpaper & Paint	209.89
AT & T	401.19	Midway Rentals	400.17
AT&T Mobility	164.96	Mighty Soil Farm	317.00
Bad Seed Hot Sauce	23.00	Mining Journal	140.00
Bandeff Farm	81.00	Misery Bay Coffee	16.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	1,889.43	New Dalton Farm	241.00
Board of Light & Power	1,869.62	Northern Sky Orchard	30.00
Borealis Baking Company	54.00	Northland Lawn Sport & Equipment	161.22
C. Pesola LLC	1,700.00	Norway Springs Inc.	17.90
Capital One Commercial	576.52	OBFQ Inc. - Quinnell Law Office	20,524.51
Cardmember Service	1,314.20	Office Depot	224.29
Carquest	21.81	Pitney Bowes	153.39
Case Country Farm	60.00	Seeds and Spores Family Farm	533.00
Charter Communications	346.79	SEMCO	41.14
Chesla & Associates PC	650.00	Shady Grove Farm	20.00
City of Marquette	1,355.55	Shiitake Mushroom Co.	80.00
College Laundry & Rental	211.00	Signs Now	418.00
Compudyne	75.00	Simply Agriculture	48.00
Curran & Company	520.00	Stenberg Brothers	705.00
Dalco	123.55	Superior Culture	64.00
Dancing Crane Farm LLC	138.00	Superior Line Striping	2,840.00
Doozers	17.00	Swampy Acres LLC	275.00

Double Trouble Entertainment	1,220.00	Swanzy Farm	263.00
Ever Yielding Acres	249.00	T2 Systems Canada Inc.	750.00
For Goodness Cakes	13.00	TK Elevator	1,292.85
Freshwind Farms	8.00	Tonella Farms	144.00
Full Plate Farm	241.00	Treasa's Treasures	140.00
Great North Woods Teas & Herbs	37.00	Ty's Ty-ni Kitchen	35.00
Guindon Farms	120.00	U.P. Kubota	112.46
Incredible Bank	141,723.89	Ugly Pops	54.00
IPS Group	2,911.87	Womens Center of Marquette	16,148.01
Lamar Advertising	750.00	Xerox Corporation	279.73
Little Parsley Farm	173.00	Yoopers Country Farms	78.00
Manpower	302.25	Yoopers Sisters	169.00
Mares-Z-Doats Feed Supply	16.26	August Payroll	35,658.70
Marquette Community Foundation	600.00		

Old Business: Bluff St. Ramp Repair: Construction repair has begun with a small setback. The traffic lanes have a thicker coat of membrane and it is easier to remove than the thinner layer on the parking spots. We have been assured that the project will still be completed on time by October 15th.

MDDA Signage Update: Cook Sign is currently installing all sign faces and should be completed by the following week. Much positive feedback has been received.

Parking Committee: Committee recently met with The Vault Hotel development team to kick off conversations and develop RFQ points that will be sent to parking consultant firms. Other initiatives discussed included moving rental permits to the top level of the Bluff St. Ramp and replacing the lower level with two hour parking spaces and eliminating business account discounts. There has also been a recent issue of contractors not applying for the proper permits when requesting street closure through city engineering. Currently it's a \$90 fee to apply for the permit. The MDDA loses money frequently on street closures, especially those that close off the parking meters or parking pay station. It was mentioned to K. Kovacs that the application fee could change and include a tiered systems with some of the payment to the MDDA to cover the parking revenue lost. R. Finco and K. Kovacs will discuss further.

Farmers Market Committee: Currently the market is focusing on the late fall market and an online market is still an option if necessary. The community table present at the market this year received positive feedback and revenue has increased overall this year which is a dramatic improvement. Several holiday ideas were discussed including holiday themed vendors outside and a Kris Kringle market.

Executive/Personnel Committee: Next meeting is Friday, September 24th, 2021 at 1 p.m.

Ad Hoc TIF Committee: Committee would like to meet first before the City Commission is invited as currently the city is facing a monetary shortfall and there is potential pushback.

Directors Report: R. Finco gave the budget presentation at the recent City Commission meeting. R. Finco will also be requesting an extension form from the MEDC for the Façade Restoration Grant Program as Blackrocks Brewery is still under construction. Next October meeting will include a presentation from Jen Tucker from MEDC regarding Brownfield projects. Classic cars on Third St. was a huge success and the MDDA was present at the unveiling of the Third St. Mural.

Public Comment: Frank Stabile of 2463 US HWY 41: Thanked everyone for volunteering their time to serve on the MDDA board.

Board Member Comment: M. Weinrick announced he just moved his business into the downtown area. His office is located in the WaterMarq Suites. He is also very interested to hear what the parking consultant recommends concerning The Vault Hotel project. E. Kucharczyk is also interested in those findings and to learn more about Brownfield since more and more requests have come our way. K. Kovacs announced that The Honorable Distillery will move forward with its OPRA request, and a public hearing is potentially set for October. R. Stern is very happy to be on the MDDA board and all board members welcomed him aboard. J. Johnson would like to review the food truck ordinance as currently there are no restrictions for trucks parked on private property. M. Morrison asked if it is possible to repaint the arrows on the bike lanes since there is heavy bike traffic downtown and its sometimes difficult sharing the road. J. Ottaway informed the group that commissioner Jen Hill reached out to him to discuss closure of Washington St. or implementing a "social district" if another lockdown occurs.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nichole Durley-Rust". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nichole Durley-Rust, Secretary

