

MINUTES OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WHICH TOOK  
PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, June 10, 2009 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY  
HALL, MIDLAND MICHIGAN

Tony Kulick read Roll Call.

**PRESENT:** Jenny Anderson, Bo Brines, Mike Hayes, Jon Lynch, Sue Rabbage,  
Rich Pomeroy, Ranny Riecker, Claudia Wallin,

**ABSENT:** Paula Liveris, Jack McCandless, Marty McGuire, Mark Ruhle, Keith  
Winter

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tony Kulick, Keith Baker, Stephanie Szostak

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Palen (Midland Issues), Cheryl Wade (MDN)

Wallin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. – a quorum was present

1. **Approval of the May 13, 2009 Minutes. M/S Hayes/Rabbage–  
Approved unanimously**
2. **Financial Reports for May 2009. M/S Rabbage/Hayes – Approved  
unanimously**
3. **Reports**
  - a) **Design Committee** – Anderson reported that the committee set  
September 2009 as the deadline development of revised sidewalk  
café regulations. The committee reviewed the Riverfront Design  
plans. Szostak reported on the downtown flower planting and the  
trimming of the overgrowth along the riverbank.
  - b) **Organization Committee**– Wallin reported that the Organization  
committee discussed upcoming events in the downtown.
  - c) **Economic Restructuring Committee** – Hayes reported that the  
Economic Restructuring Committee had finished discussing the  
proposed Retail Business Incubator Program. He outlined the  
program to the DDA Board and asked for their approval to forward  
the draft program to the City Attorney for review and comment  
before he brings the program to the DDA for approval. The DDA  
approved sending the draft program to the attorney for review.
  - d) **Creating Cool Committee** – Kulick Reported that the committee  
met and discussed upcoming activities including the Monday  
Evening Farmers Market, The Summer Sculpture Series Kickoff,  
Summer Solstice Stroll and Sidewalk Sales.
  - e) **Budget Committee** – No report was given

- f) **Midland Downtown Business Association** – Kulick reported on the MDBA May general membership meeting and that the MDBA Board had adopted an balanced budget for 2009-10
- g) **Strategic Planning Workshop** – Kulick reported that the DDA Board met with the facilitator and made good progress identifying long term goals. The Board will need to set another meeting date in order to prioritize short term goals.
- h) **Nominating Committee** – Rabbage reported that the nominating committee met and polled the Board members. The Nominating Committee is nominating Claudia Wallin as chairperson and Mike Hayes as Vice-chairman for 2009-10. M/S Riecker/Brines moved to close the nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Wallin and Hayes. Approved unanimously

#### 4. Public Comments

None

#### 5. Old Business

None

#### 7. New Business

- a) **Events-** Kulick presented a calendar of events that will be taking place in the downtown in the upcoming months. He also presented information on the Summer Sculpture Series, Summer Solstice Stroll and Tunes by the Tridge.
- b) **Budget Committee Meeting** – Kulick was instructed to schedule a Budget Committee meeting to discuss the impact of the H Hotel Tax Appeal on the DDA's finances.
- c) **Election of Officers** – Took place under item 4h previously on the agenda

M/S –Riecker/Lynch- To adjourn the meeting  
**Approved Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned 4:05 pm