

City of Mt. Pleasant

Mission-Pickard Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

March 8, 2018 10:00 AM
City Hall, Conference Room A

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Driessnack at 10:01 am.

Present: Tim Driessnack (Chair), Tom Krapohl, Doug LaBelle II, Jerry Jaloszynski (for Margaret McAvoy), Mary Ann Kornexl (for Nancy Ridley), Lisa Orlando, Robby Roberts, Jeff Smith (Vice Chair)

Absent: Tim Coscarelly, John Hunter

Also attending: (Staff): William Mrdeza

II. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Krapohl, seconded by Smith, to approve the agenda as proposed. **The motion passed unanimously.**

III. Approval of the November 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Krapohl, to approve the November 21, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

IV. Old and New Business

A. Consider Additional Costs for Intersection Improvements at Mission and Bluegrass, Bellows, and Preston Streets Related to MDOT Signal Upgrades in those Locations

Mrdeza reported that the City was recently informed by MDOT that they have several Mission Street intersection upgrade projects planned, similar to the treatment at Mission and High Street and most recently at Mission and Broadway and Michigan Streets. The intersections scheduled for upgrades include Preston, Bellows, and Bluegrass and include changing the signals to a box span configuration. MDOT staff wanted to know if the City was interested in investing additional funds for enhancements to the basic design at any of the intersections such as the installation of approved mast arms, painting of support poles, illuminated street signs, or additional lighting considerations.

Mrdeza indicated that the work previously done at Broadway and Michigan totaled close to \$60,000 for both intersections. The optional placement of approved mast arms is estimated at an additional \$60,000 per intersection for bare poles only, with increased costs for painting or other enhancements. The installation of illuminated street signs only are approximately \$10,000 per intersection (two signs per intersection at \$5,000 per sign). The Board was then asked to evaluate each intersection to determine if any enhanced treatment was desired.

Board members discussed the issue at length; it was moved by LaBelle, seconded by Jaloszynski, to support MDOT's basic design without additional enhancements at the Preston and Bellows intersections and to pursue MDOT's offer to "declutter" those intersections by removing unnecessary poles, as long as the recent intersection lighting upgrades at Preston and Bellows were not affected. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The Board next discussed the merits of enhancements to the Mission and Bluegrass intersection, based on its location as a gateway to the community. Currently there is a decorative entry wall and flag gallery on the northeast corner of the intersection which the DDA funded a number of years ago. Mrdeza clarified that the DDA district boundary only included the northeast corner of that intersection, with the remainder of the area located in Union Township; only the area within the district boundary could receive funding from the DDA. Regardless, there was interest by the Board to explore enhancements to that intersection because of its gateway status. Enhancements discussed included a treatment similar to Mission and Broadway, with the additional possibility of substituting painted mast arms for the four-wire box span proposed.

Based on this interest and the limited ability to consider using DDA funds to pay for enhancements, the Board asked Mrdeza to contact Union Township and CMU in order to determine their possible interest in participating in the project. In addition, Mrdeza was asked to provide the Board with an update on the proposed audible signal improvements at Mission and Broomfield at a future meeting.

V. Other Business

There was no other business to be considered by the Board.

VI. Public Comments

There were no public comments received or offered.

VII. Adjourn

There being no other business, **the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 am.**