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Mission-Pickard Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING October 14, 2021 10:00 AM ELECTRONICALLY CONDUCTED

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair John Hunter at 10:02 am.

Present: John Hunter (Vice Chair), Mary Ann Kornexl (for Nancy Ridley), Tom Krapohl, Margaret McAvoy, Lisa Orlando, Robby Roberts, Robert VanDorin

Absent: Doug LaBelle II, Jeff Smith (Chair)

Also attending: (Staff): William Mrdeza, Michelle Sponseller (Host)
(Guests): Paul Lippens (McKenna Associates)

In accordance with state law governing the ability to conduct meetings virtually, all members listed as present identified Michigan as the state from which they were participating. Hunter, Kornexl, Krapohl, Roberts, and VanDorin identified the city and county from which they were participating as Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County. Orlando identified Shepherd and Isabella County, while McAvoy identified Owosso and Shiawassee County as their locations of participation.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of the June 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by VanDorin, seconded by Krapohl, to approve the June 10, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

IV. Old and New Business

A. Update on the First Mission Street Stakeholder Meeting Held September 12, 2021

Mrdeza and Lippens reported that the first stakeholder meeting for the Mission Street corridor design project was held in early September. Future meetings are anticipated to occur quarterly. They indicated that there was a positive response from MDOT and the

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other stakeholders to working on implementing aspects of the City's Master Plan related to improvements to Mission Street which result in slower traffic speeds, safer use of the corridor by pedestrians, cyclists, and all legal users, and recognition of the business nature of the corridor. The next steps include crafting an RFP for planning services that MDOT can solicit for bid. Because MDOT has two project areas (Mission and Pickard/M-20), it was agreed that these would be treated as two separate projects rather than trying to combine both into one RFP. Mrdeza also indicated that it was agreed to adjust the scope of the Mission Street project to extend from Pickard to Bluegrass.

McAvoy encouraged staff to reach out to local law enforcement for their input into proposed corridor design considerations. She felt the area Chief's meeting would be the appropriate opportunity to make sure those that were engaged in enforcement actions in the corridor had the opportunity to comment on any concerns they had for future designs. Mrdeza indicated that the next stakeholder meeting would occur in December.

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments received or offered.

VI. Other Business

Mrdeza reminded the Board that they could expect to see a Doodle Poll for an alternate date and time for the November meeting since the regular meeting date falls on Veterans Day and the City Offices will be closed. Typically, the staff participates in some in-service activities on that day and he didn't want the DDA meeting to conflict with that possibility.

VII. Adjourn

There being no other business, **the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.**