

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting

August 10, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman Wilson on Thursday, August 10, 2017, at 7:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Board members Wilson, Phillips, Wirt, Potter.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Lewis, Deputy City Clerk Holliday.

ABSENT: Board member Lyon, Silvas and Limas.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Charlotte Rising Director Dillon Rush was present to thank the board for approving the trashcan project and the piano project. The board stated it turned out to be a great project and they all approved of the designs. Mayor Lewis spoke about the positive comments he has received from citizens of Charlotte but there is concern of vandalism.

Dillon Rush mentioned there will be a three hour meeting on August 23, 2017 with Michigan Main Street to discuss design and place making projects. There will be a follow-up meeting on August 30, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2017: Board member Wirt moved, supported by Phillips to approve the minutes of July 13, 2017 with the correction to who moved to support the minutes at the last council board meeting. Carried. 4 Yes. 0 No. 3 Absent (Lyon, Silvas and Potter)

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. CHARLOTTE RISING COLLABORATION:

Wirt would like more correspondence from Charlotte Rising as to be able to keep up with their ideas and upcoming events.

Dillon stated he was putting together a newsletter. Wirt asked if Dillon had an email for all the business owners and suggested if Dillon would like Wirt would take the list Dillon has and make sure it gets updated with all business owners, making correspondence easier and efficient.

The board suggested that Charlotte Rising make a presence inside the business so they are able to make suggestions to the owners as to what they can do to bring in customers and ways to take care of the store fronts to keep things clean and enticing.

B. MICHIGAN MAIN STREET:

The board discussed what Michigan Main Street does and how it works with Charlotte Rising and can benefit the city. Wilson talked about the different components of Michigan Main Street.

The board wants to discuss signage at the next meeting with Bryan Myrkle.

Wilson said to look for changes coming at the Michigan National Bank.

Interest in what is happening to the Christiensen's building came up.

Congregational Church is making progress on the park they are putting in at the old drive-thru.

The Mayor touched on the Pocket Park Project and when they are hoping to tear it down.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Wilson.

Tina Holliday, Deputy City Clerk