# DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Regular Meeting August 21, 2018

<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> By Chairman Wilson on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 8:01 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Wilson, Board members Phillips, Wirt, Potter, Limas, Lyon, and Mayor Lewis.

<u>ALSO PRESENT:</u> Community Development Director Myrkle and Deputy Clerk Walters.

**ABSENT:** Board member Silvas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF July 17, 2018: Board member Phillips moved, supported by Wirt to approve the minutes of July 17, 2018 as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No. (1 absent Silvas)

# **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Judy Wonch, 136 S. Cochran**, letter presented by Chairperson Wilson regarding concern for lack of parking downtown.

## **ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

# A. CHARLOTTE RISING PRESENTATION:

Dillon Rush, Charlotte Rising, presented a review of Charlotte Rising accomplishments over the last year including façade grants for updates, completion of Project Rising Tide with Governor Snyder, Made on Mainstreet, Small Business Saturday, and Art's Night Out.

Rush stated that there are projects in process as well including completion of Edmunds Apartments, the Pocket Park and Ivan Iler art piece.

# B. <u>BUSINESS OWNER HANDOUTS – DISTRIBUTION</u> UPDATE:

Discussion was held regarding where the handouts have been distributed and where was left to distribute.

#### **C. CONCERT SERIES RECAP:**

Chairperson Wilson stated that discussion shall begin now for the 2019 concert series.

Community Development Director Myrkle stated that the concert series raised approximately \$426 in donations from the DDA onsite information table and there were approximately 300 people at each concert. He stated that the County Journal also donated advertisement to the events. He agreed with Chairperson Wilson's statement to begin fundraising and booking now for next year.

### **D. UPDATES AND REPORTS:**

Director Myrkle stated that the Edmund Apartments development is on schedule. If anyone is interested in getting onto the list to live in the new development should contact him right away as there has been a great deal of interest.

Director Myrkle stated that the Beach Market Project must be separated from the Parking Lot Project in order to retain funding. He stated these projects are still on the calendar for completion in spring of 2019.

Director Myrkle stated that the Pocket Park Project will include an art piece by Ivan Iler, a well-known local artist. He stated the Pocket Park Project will be bid out in November and will begin in the spring of 2019. Director Myrkle stated that a developer working out of Chicago and Detroit may be pursuing a development project with multiple downtown buildings. He stated further details are unclear at this time.

**<u>COMMENTS:</u>** Mayor Lewis thanked the Clerk's office for the new name tags for DDA members.

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Wilson at 9:00 a.m.

Jessica Walters, Deputy City Clerk