

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 10, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Chairperson Sommer on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lewis, Ken Wirt, Bob Phillips, Jeanette Sommer and Travis Silvas.

**STAFF:** Community Development Director Myrkle and Deputy Clerk Dell'Acqua.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2015 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2015:** Board member Wirt moved to approve the minutes August 13, 2015 and August 27, 2015 as presented. Second by Phillips. Carried. 5 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent (Hewitt)

**ABSENT:** Hewitt

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

**A. PROJECT RISING TIDE**

Director Myrkle reported on the key initiative created to stir up economic development from Governor Snyder's Office, called Project Rising Tide. He spoke with MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) and they informed him that Charlotte was chosen, as one of ten regions, to maximize their economic potential. He explained that the criteria for being chosen include

unemployment, housing and poverty levels. The team from Governor Snyder's office are comprised of the Department of Talent and Economic Development, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, MSHDA and the Workforce. They began their research by going out into the community and interviewing the schools, the chamber, the downtown business owners, banks and hospital staff. They asked these entities their opinions of what they would like to see developed in their community. The team reported to Director Myrkle four different opportunities to redevelop Charlotte. The top two were the downtown economy and the quality of housing in the neighborhoods. The Project Rising Tide effort will take place after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. The DDA board members were encouraged that the number one focus was developing the downtown.

Discussion was held regarding the Main Street program introduced earlier in the year. Director Myrkle reported that he reapplied for the Main Street program in August and was hoping to get awarded the grant by February or March 2016.

**B. LETTER OF SUPPORT – NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION**

Director Myrkle reported that out of the Rising Tide Project came a letter of support through the Courthouse Square Association and Bob Christiansen from SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) to nominate Charlotte into the National Register. Director Myrkle explained that the City would nominate a district either commercial, residential or local income properties to a historical designation. He said that the Courthouse Square Association will be presenting a resolution at the council meeting held on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged the DDA members to attend the council meeting.

Motion by Phillips to present the resolution for the national register nomination to City council. Second by Silvas.  
5 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent (Hewitt) Carried.

**UPDATES & REPORTS:**

**A. APARTMENTS AT MASONIC TEMPLE**

The apartments at the Masonic Temple are underway and Director Myrkle reported that the bids were reasonable even with the grant. The construction bid was awarded to SBC Sommer Building – Jerry Sommer.

**B. 339 AND 401 N COCHRAN DEVELOPMENT**

Anthony Faulkner's development project is underway. He will be presenting information about the project at the City Council meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**C. PARKING LOTS 4 & 10**

Director Myrkle will be distributing plans for the parking lot designs early in the new year.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Chairperson Sommer asked about the progress of Chuck's Chariots and Dr. Gizmos car lots.

Board member Phillips talked about the Beach Market development under a 501C3 status.

**Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Sommer at 8:17a.m.**

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Denise Dell'Acqua, Deputy City Clerk