

**Minutes of the Downtown Development Authority  
City of Portland**

Held on Monday, July 25, 2022  
In the Council Chambers at City Hall

Members Present: Grimminck, Barnes, Williamson, Antaya, Madarang, Briggs, Ward

Members Absent: Gorman

Staff: Director ConnerWellman; City Clerk Miller

Guests: Kelly Ward; Mike Judd

Chair Grimminck called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Motion by Barnes, supported by Williamson, to approve the agenda as presented.  
All in favor. Adopted.

Motion by Williamson, supported by Madarang, to excuse the absence of City Manager Gorman.  
All in favor. Adopted.

Under Public Comment, Mike Judd thanked the City for its hospitality in hosting the Saginaw Voyageurs Reenactors who visited Portland on Saturday, July 23, 2022 as they traveled down the Grand River to Lake Michigan.

Motion by Williamson, supported by Briggs, to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2022 meeting as presented.  
All in favor. Adopted.

Motion by Williamson, supported by Madarang, to approve both the July 2022 Treasurer's Reports.  
All in favor. Adopted.

Under Team Reports, Director ConnerWellman stated it was a very good meeting. Many individuals volunteered to help with various tasks.

Under Old Business, Director ConnerWellman noted she still needs the Board Member Agreements signed by a couple of board members and provided an update on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. The fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was a very a good event, there a couple of minor details to clean up for the event next year scheduled for June 30, 2023.

Under New Business, the Board Members introduced themselves to new member Becky Ward and she introduced herself.

The Election of Officers was held.

Motion by Antaya, supported by Briggs, to nominate all of the current officers to remain for the next year.

All in favor. Adopted.

Director ConnerWellman provided updates on planning for Beerfest, scheduled to be held August 13, 2022. Volunteers and sponsors at the \$250 level are still needed. There are currently 25 volunteers signed up of the 85 needed for the event.

Director ConnerWellman presented renditions of artwork to be painted on the garage doors of the property at 103 E. Grand River Ave.

Motion by Williamson, supported by Antaya, to accept option #4 to be painted on the garage doors at 103 E. Grand River Ave.

All in favor. Adopted.

Director ConnerWellman noted the Bi-Annual DDA-TIF Public Meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. on September 26, 2022 with the DDA Board Meeting to follow.

Under the Director Report, Director ConnerWellman presented her downtown report and provided an anonymous letter received by the City in opposition to the design for the Kent Street Improvement Project.

There was discussion.

Under Board Member Comments, Member Briggs expressed concern with the speeding on Kent Street and suggested additional speed limit signs be added.

There was discussion.

Motion by Williamson, supported by Antaya, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 P.M.

All in favor. Adopted

Respectfully submitted,

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Margery Briggs, Secretary