

Minutes

City of Luna Pier

Downtown Development Authority

August 21, 2019

1. Call to order by: Noah Campbell, Chair at 6:30 with an encouraging statement to all attendees about the importance of all showing mutual respect for others when they are speaking and to all be respectful in our tone when speaking.
2. Roll Call: Present: Noah Campbell Vicky Johnson, Mayor Jim Gardner, Mike Briskey
Mike Anstadt, Michael Lucarelli, Dave Davison, Bernie Russell
Also Present: Jack Lucarelli, Austin Lada, Police Chief Ansel
Absent: Mo Shalout
3. Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2019 meeting based on motion by Vicky Johnson and second by Dave Davison
4. Approval of Agenda based on a motion by Mike Briskey and a second by Bernie Russell.
5. Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Report showing an account balance of \$1,433.50.
(of note: \$1,183 owed to Jennie Burt on completion of mural which will leave \$250.50 balance)
6. Public Hearing: N/A
7. Old Business:
 - A. Mayor Gardner invited Jack Lucarelli and Austin Lada of the Luna Pier Beach Café and Chief Ansel of LP Police so that we could clear the air about status of noise complaints by neighbors and the corresponding efforts to find a balance that supports the DDA's desire to make the live entertainment business model work as an important business for our community. Chief Ansel reported that two tickets had been issued to date as a result of noise complaints. The first one was written to a bar attendant but was later dismissed by the chief and prosecutor who in their judgement felt it was not valid. The second recent ticket was issued to Michael Lucarelli as the owner of the liquor license and will be paid.

Chief Ansel and everyone at the meeting agreed that the efforts by Austin Lada, Jack & Michael Lucarelli are very sincere and cooperative. If and when new complaints arise, they will be addressed by police. Also Michael Lucarelli requested names of residents who have complained so that he can personally talk with them and make amends or offer gift cards. Noise reducing curtains were suggested by several DDA members for residents.
 - B. Noah Campbell discussed that the mural painting has restarted and that the schedule received indicates completion by the end of September at which time we will pay the balance due. Everyone agreed that the quality and benefits of the mural are worth the effort.

- C. Mayor Gardner handed out a report that showed a balance of \$9,265 in the Freedom Festival bank account at this time with a few minor expenses to come. He also discussed that there was a child injured in the bounce house that day with medical expenses being covered by LP and bounce house provider insurance.

Volunteer roles to be recruited for next year include:

Kick-off Steak Dinner: Gift Basket Providers, Event Tkt Sales People, 50/50 Tkt Sales People, Cooks and Food Servers, Clean-up Help

Freedom Festival: 50/50 tkt Presales people and Day-of-Event sales people, 2 Money Counters, People to put out Parking Signs and Caution Tape, Parking Donation Collectors at various Lots, People to attend Citizen of Year Presentation.

- D. Jim also reported that the Lighthouse Elevator & Stairs (Phase 1) of the project are going out for bid soon as we decide on, apply for and retain the additional funding needed for the upgrade project's completion as a meeting venue.
- E. Jim briefly discussed the Meeting set-up by Paula Holtz of the Michigan Economic Development Department held at Chateau Louise where she brought 13 people from various state departments (MEDC, MDOT, DNR, Michigan Land Bank, EGLE and Monroe Convention & Tourism) as well 8 council people and or DDA members to discuss funding sources and assistance with our three most important projects:
1. Lighthouse Completion 2. Driveway Access for Strip Mall and 3. Freedom Park Renovation and upgrades.
The Park & Recreation must update the 5-year plan and submit by December 2019 for review to qualify for funding assistance.
- F. Noah led a discussion about the Octoberfest and committed to talk with Mo and to set a date for the event. (which has now been set for Saturday, October 26). It has also been suggested that we collaborate with LPBA on this event.
- G. Bernie Russell discussed the Veterans Day Parade Nov 9th and received offers from a number of people willing to assist with that event.
- H. Update by business owners:
1. Dave Davison reported that JD is still awaiting final approvals from the EGLE and hopes that Jason can break ground for the medical marijuana project in early September.

8. New Business – Bernie Russell proposed a closer collaboration between DDA, LPBA, Parks & Rec committees. She will explore possibilities for us to meet and collaborate for the benefit of the community.
9. Noah asked for a vote on where future DDA meetings will be held and it was unanimous that we would hold them at Water Tower Park

10. Action needed:

Noah to spearhead Octoberfest Planning with Mo

Vicky to work on a town Brochure plan and involve Matt Zook

Adjournment: at 7:50 by Noah Campbell based on motion by Vicky Johnson and second by Michael Lucarelli.

Next meeting: Wednesday, Sept 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm Water Tower Park