

LESLIE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes of the February 14, 2022 meeting, held at Leslie City Hall, 602 W Bellevue Street,
Leslie, Michigan 49251

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM. Roll call. Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order Roll Call Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Sinicropi-PRESENT
Winslow-PRESENT
Baker-PRESENT
Floyd-PRESENT
Beegle-PRESENT
Yeider-PRESENT
Teague-PRESENT
Abbee- PRESENT

2. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion Abbee, second Teague to approve agenda as presented.

ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of the November 8, 2021 DDA minutes.

Motion Teague, second Abbee to approve DDA minutes.

ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED

4. Approval of January 2022 Financials.

Motion Abbee, second Yeider to approve January financials.

ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED

5. Public Comment. –None

6. Items of Business. –None

7. Items of Discussion.

A. DDA Meeting Schedule

DDA discussed possibly moving meeting dates; agreed date will remain for second Monday of each month.

B. Marihuana Zoning Districts

DDA discussed in length what zoning recommendations would be for provisioning, sales, microbusinesses and grow operations. It was unanimously decided that due to the changing state laws that the City should not move forward with allowing provisioning centers or microbusinesses at this time and to only allow marihuana grows inside the Industrial Park and at Plant 2 on Mill Street. DDA concluded that residents, businesses, and committees should have more in-depth conversation

before making any decisions. DDA expressed concerns for long-term success of the marihuana industry. DDA would like to submit their request to the Leslie City Council to pause efforts on establishing provisioning centers and microbusinesses.

C. Goals and Objectives

a. Flower Beds

The Leslie Department of Public Works will clear flower beds and mulch them. DDA expressed interest in taking down the trees in front of businesses on S. Main Street. City Manager Ron Bogart will bring this item to council for approval. DDA advised that the trees block storefronts.

b. Marcos Wall

DDA expressed they would like to see the decorative wall taken down by Marcos Pizza. The wall has been hit several times and is in disrepair. Matching brick to replace the wall is not available. Consensus is to remove the wall altogether.

c. GAR Hall

DDA discussed future renovations at GAR Hall. It was recently discovered that the roof is leaking; roof project must take priority over ADA remodel. City Manager Ron Bogart has reached out to construction companies for bids; the City has not received quotes yet.

D. Façade Grants

a. Allowable Items

DDA discussed adding murals to the allowable items for façade grants. Discussion took place and consensus was that murals should be first approved by planning commission; the Sign Ordinance would need to be amended with a section detailing what is permissible. If approved by planning commission, DDA could further review mural projects for possible grant allocation. Consensus was that murals could be submitted at the cost of \$5,000 with a possible \$2,500 eligible façade grant.

8. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Teague, Sinicropi 10:18am

ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Clerk Chelsea Cox