



BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
June 6, 2012

A Work Session of the Brownstown Township Downtown Development Authority was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, Brownstown, Michigan 48183. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Rybski and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Skotanis, Varady, Rybski, Linko, Vidusic and Willis. Also in attendance were Economic Development Manager DiSanto and DDA Assistant Directors Gustafsson and Trussell.

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Bielecki, DiMilia and Khan.

AGENDA CHANGES: Items 1 and 2 on the agenda are awaiting back-up information and are be tabled to a future meeting.

PATIO FOR SAMMY'S CUCINA:

Economic Development Manager DiSanto presented a request from Sammy's Cucina regarding Façade Improvement Grant for their proposed outdoor gated dining patio near the southwest corner of the restaurant. Sal Vassallo, owner of Sammy's Cucina, submit an application along with a letter of interest/acceptance from the shopping center owner.

DDA TAGLINE:

The board members are going to research how other Downtown Development Authority Districts have worded their taglines, along with the tagline options presented by DDA Assistant Director Gustafsson, and discuss these at the next DDA meeting.

B2B SEMINAR BREAKFAST FOLLOW-UP:

DDA Assistant Director Gustafsson summarized the success of the first B2B Seminar and to maintain local interest in such events/programs the Assistant Directors are considering a Business2Business Barbeque in August 2012, a Business Expo planned for October 2012 and possibly another Breakfast Seminar for November 2012.

FARMERS MARKET UPDATE:

DDA Assistant Trussell reviewed the plan for the upcoming market day. Currently there are about 8 vendors registered to attend the Open Day on Tuesday, June 12th, 2012, running from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

FOOD TRUCK RALLY UPDATE:

DDA Assistant Director Trussell presented information regarding the upcoming Food Truck Rally to be held Wednesday, June 20, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at 19865 Telegraph Road on the property of the Greater Detroit Auto Auction

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TOWN CENTER MARKET STUDY PRESENTATION – Melina Duggal:

Ms. Duggal presented the result of the RCLCO conclusions and recommendations for the Brownstown Town Center market study.

CLOSED SESSION – Discussion of Van Horn Road Project: Work session was adjourned for closed session at 4:55p.m. Work session reconvened from closed session at 5:12 p.m. with a request for the staff to move forward as instructed in closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 5:14 p.m. until 5:25 p.m.

The Downtown Development Authority work session adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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