



CITY OF HART

407 S. STATE ST.
HART, MI 49420

Hart Economic and Redevelopment Team (H.E.A.R.T.)

November 2, 2022

MINUTES DRAFT

1) Call to Order

Burillo called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

a) Roll Call

- **Members present:** Scott Beal, Sue Payne, Maria Rosas, Catalina Burillo, Sue Payne, Fred Rybarz
- **Members absent:**

Others present: Nichole Kleiner

2) Public Comments – None.

3) Approval of the Consent Agenda - Motion by Rybarz, supported by Payne to approve the consent agenda after removal of duplicate agenda item 5A. Motion carried.

4) Action Items

a) **Accept Jake Tufts Resignation** - With appreciation for Jake's time, motion by Beal, supported by Payne to accept Tufts resignation. Motion carried.

b) **Review Hannah Juhl's request to join board** - Motion by Burillo, supported by Beal to accept Hannah's application to join the board. Motion Carried.

c) **Appoint chair, board seat renewals, recruit new members**

- Scott Beal – renewed term, expiring 11/02/2024
- Fred Rybarz – accepted chair position term coinciding with council seat
- Potential new board candidates are Jodi Ellinger, Evelyn Vinke
- Motion by Burillo, supported by Juhl to appoint Rybarz to chair. Motion carried.

d) **HMS CD** – Kleiner asked the board if they would like to roll over the HMS \$12,65678 CD into the HEART account. The board asked for more information to include the original balance of the CD, percent of interest, the term, and how often we are able to withdraw funds.

e) **Wayfinding contractor review, allocation of HEART funds** - four bids were reviewed from the bid tabulation provided by Nichole. City the council awarded the contract to Signplicity as the lowest bidder. TIFA has agreed to pay for 100% of the signs and the district totaling \$71,533. the remaining balance is \$97,488. The city has budgeted \$38,500 for this project leaving a remaining balance of \$58,988. Nichole asked the HEART forward to consider funding the remaining balance. After discussion, the board agreed to allocate \$25,000 towards the wayfinding project and agreed to loan the city the additional funds so the project can move forward. The board noted they would like to see signage at the trailhead leading to downtown.

5) Updates/Discussion Items

a) **First impressions tourism community forum review** - the board celebrated the success of the MSU first impression tourism presentation at the West Michigan research station. key points discussed by the board were making the lake more part of the community, emailing the survey to the entire community making our migrants part of our story.

b) **project updates** - Nicole advised the board that the first house is near completion at the creeks development, a purchase agreement has been signed and a title search will be conducted at the Ceres property along with the phase two environmental study. The demolition bid has been awarded for walkers the project should begin sometime in December.

c) **The H-art project update** - Nicole advised the board that she applied for a \$5000 grant from the Community Foundation, the electric forest festival pledged \$5000 towards the tin man, there were over

200 and attendance for the first annual art walk and the group's area of focus for spring is beautification of downtown.

6) Next Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 7, 2022 @ 2 PM

7) **Board Member Comments** – None

8) **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn made by Catalina supported by Beal. Meeting adjourned at 2:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Economic & Community Development Director