

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AT THE WEST BRANCH CITY HALL AT 121 N. FOURTH ST. ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 25, 2019.

Chairperson Samantha Fabbri called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Present: Members Joanne Bennett, Joe Clark (arrived at 12:05), Samantha Fabbri, Autum Hunter, Sandy Rabidue (arrived at 12:15), Ken Walters, (arrived at 12:23) and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: Members: Erin Resteiner (attended by phone from 12:14 to 1:05)

Others present: Clerk Clerk/Treasurer John Dantzer, City Manager Frank Goodroe

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Mallory Bower of the Historic Preservation Organization gave a historic downtown registry presentation.

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MOTION BY FABBRI, SECOND BY CLARK, TO EXCUSE MEMBER ERIN RESTEINER FROM THE MEETING AS WELL AS THE OCTOBER 22 MEETING.

Yes – Clark, Cozad, Fabbri, Hunter, Walters, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – Resteiner Motion carried.

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MOTION BY FABBRI, SECOND BY CLARK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 22, 2019.

Yes – Clark, Cozad, Fabbri, Hunter, Walters, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – Resteiner Motion carried.

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MOTION BY FABBRI, SECOND BY RABIDUE, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MIKE COZAD.

Yes – Clark, Cozad, Fabbri, Hunter, Walters, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – Resteiner Motion carried.

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Anthony Bair of McLaren Health of West Branch introduced himself to the Board.

MOTION BY FABBRI, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO RECOMMEND ANTHONY BAIR TO THE DDA BOARD

Yes – Clark, Cozad, Fabbri, Hunter, Walters, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Resteiner

Motion carried.

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The Board discussed the gathering place including the possibility of Marcia Doss doing some metal work.

Member Rabidue discussed the winter green displays.

Manager Goodroe discussed downtown banners including the Veteran banner program.

The Board discussed downtown parking issues.

Member Fabbri discussed upcoming training opportunities.

Member Hunter noted the lights in the alley by Sun and Spa weren't working.

Member Rabidue displayed the windows signs that can be used for vacant buildings.

Member Rabidue gave a treasurers report and the Board discussed the need to budget for future trainings.

Member Walters asked about seasonal banners and the Board discussed options.

City Manager Goodroe discussed holiday decorations, the Santa Train decorations, the conclusion of the Rising Tide initiative and the changing of the program to West Branch Rising, EDC issues, and upcoming City events.

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Chairperson Fabbri adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.