

Lawrence DDA Meeting

March 22, 2023 5:30pm

157 N Paw Paw Street

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm with the following members present: Theresa Stroud, Gary Barton, David Quick, Steve Petersen

The meeting tonight will be only 15 minutes as a joint parks and recreation meeting will begin at 5:45pm with a presentation from Ben Baker of Whitman and Associates and discussion on the Village Park.

Treasurers Report: fund balance in the Farmers Market as of todays date is \$2,358.32 and the DDA fund balance as of todays date is \$74,968.04

Discussion regarding the incubator program payments to Monique and Rico Crowley for the old chidog building on N Paw Paw Street. Last September the DDA board approved the reimbursement payments as it was explained at that time the Crowleys would begin renovations in late October or November once their food truck business was closed for the winter with an anticipated opening of their business on N Paw Paw in late spring of 2023. Chair Gribler contacted Ms Crowley in January as no work has begun. Ms Crowley stated that the DDA board may have misunderstood as she has not secured financing or a contractor to complete the renovations. Attached are followup emails. It was decided by the board that we will pause any subsequent payments until a building permit has been obtained and work has begun.

Request received from Chief Anchor to the DDA for a financial donation for the Miss Lawrence Community Float. Motion by Gary supported by Dave to donate \$250 from the community event line item. Approved

Motion by Gary supported by Steve to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm.

Rob Miller