

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 31, 2014 — 12:00 noon
210 State Street, City Hall, Council Chambers, Charlevoix, MI

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 noon by Chair Dan Barron.

B. Invocation or Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call of Members Present

Chair: Dan Barron

Members Present: Mayor Norman L. Carlson Jr., Luther Kurtz, Hugh Mason, and Fred DiMartino

Members Absent: Kirby Dipert, Jeannine Wallace, John Yaroch, and Todd Wyett

City Staff: Bethany Pearson, Community Economic Development Director (CEDD)

D. Inquiry Regarding Possible Conflicts of Interest

None

E. New Business

Discussion of Redevelopment Liquor License Application for Round Lake Development LLC

Director Pearson reported that Round Lake Development LLC is planning on opening up a new taproom located at 202 Bridge Street and using the back half of 210 Bridge Street. Director Pearson reported that she and City Deputy Clerk Stephanie Brown have both reviewed the application and find it to be complete and fulfill all requirements set forth by local ordinances.

Co-Owners Rich Bergmann and Phil Parr spoke on behalf of the business and reiterated their desire to be a year round, community-minded business in the downtown and thanked the DDA Board for calling the special meeting.

Chair Barron read a letter of support from downtown property owner John Haggard.

Chair Barron opened the item to public comment.

City Manager Rob Straebel wanted the record to state that the Round lake Development Group has plans to use a small portion of Bridge Park immediately adjacent to their building for outdoor seating. Under the City Code, Title III, Chapter 31, Section 3.14, it is unlawful for any consumption of beverages in a public park within 1000 feet of US 31. Parr addressed this concern, stating that only food will be allowed outside. No alcohol consumption will take place outside of the physical business.

Ron Weislik, owner of the Town House Bar, stated that he was unsure if the Round Lake Development LLC had realistic expectations for running a business year round.

Councilmember Jeff Porter had questions regarding the number of bathrooms required and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The item was closed to public comment.

Motion by Member Mason, second by Member DiMartino, to recommend to City Council the approval of the Round Lake Development LLC's Redevelopment Liquor Application for the Bridge Street Tap Room

Yeas: Barron, Carlson, Kurtz, Mason, and DiMartino

Nays: None.

Absent: Dipert, Wallace, Yaroch, and Wyett

F. Audience – Non-Agenda Input

None.

G. Adjournment

Motion by Member Carlson, seconded by Member Kurtz, to adjourn.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Stephanie Brown/bsp

Deputy City Clerk

Dan Barron

Chair