

Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority
Meeting **Minutes**
November 19, 2024
Grant Township Hall
220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918
906-289-4292

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order and Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Present: Don Kauppi, Ed Tulppo, Meg North, Staci Gibson, Art Davis, Kirk Filsinger, Mike Musiel, Sam Raymond, Dan Wiersgalla

Absent: None

Agenda & Minutes Approval:

Motion to approve November , 2024 Agenda – Motion Art, Second Don, All in favor

Motion to approve September 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes (tabled from October meeting) – Motion Meg, Second Ed. All in favor

Motion to approve October 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Motion: Meg, Second Art, All in favor.

Treasurer’s Report

DDA Fund Balance...\$92,033.60

Old Business

1. First Impressions Team 11/18/24 Final Results

a. Summary of Results/Asset Evaluations

- Discussion & Recommendations

Results/Asset Evaluations to be posted on website. Sam will serve as Point of Contact.

b. Next Steps

- Review for further discussion at December meeting

New Business

1. Copper Harbor 3rd & 4th Street Parking Conceptual Plan

a. Review and discuss OHM proposal

- “low hanging fruit” as piece of Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Project

- Could help to set stage for a “project demonstration” by displacing vehicles currently parking in US 41 ROW.

- Consult with school board for any concerns with school and compatibility...aesthetics and separation need to be a key component

b. Dan – motion to approve OHM proposal to develop Conceptual Plan as presented for up to \$4500. Sam second. Roll call vote: Yes: Don, Ed, Meg, Dan, Art, Kirk, Staci, Mike, Sam – all in favor, motion carries.

2. Informal Infographic of Indigenous Peoples (FIT follow up)

- Sam spoke with Kaelyn Wright and the initiative piqued her interest. Consider inviting Erika Vye too?

- We know there is a history... a story could be told and information shared.

- Have a conversation with Sue Martin (MTU archeologist)

- Consider including in 2025 budget as a DDA project

3. Fireworks for Winter Wonderfest

a. December 14, 2024

- Insurance comes with purchase

\$1500 for 5 minute “finale” show

- Don – motion up to \$2000 to purchase fireworks. Ed Second. Roll call vote: Yes: Don, Ed, Meg, Dan, Art, Kirk, Staci, Mike, Sam – all in favor, motion carries

4. Park Clean-up of lights after holiday season

- Talk with potential candidates
- Continue discussion at December meeting

5. Park Lights

- Art – motion to spend up to \$500 for Park Lights. Meg second. Roll call vote: Yes – Don, ed, Meg, Dan, Art, Kirk, Staci, Mike, Sam. All in favor – motion carries

6. Adjournment- 7:11pm

- Motion Don, Second Art. All in favor

APPROVED