

**Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority
Economic Restructuring & Design Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 8:30 am

SPARK East

215 W. Michigan Ave.

Minutes

I. Call to Order: D. Otto called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

II. Roll Call:

Jake Albers	P	Richard Murphy	P
Kory Scheiber	P	Dieter Otto (C)	P
Jessica French	A	March Teachout	A
Andrew O'Neal	A		

Others in Attendance: Tim Colbeck, YDDA Director

III. Approval of Agenda: R. Murphy moved to approve the agenda as submitted. J. Albers supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of November 24, 2015 Minutes: J. Albers moved to approve the minutes as submitted. R. Murphy supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

V. Audience Participation: none

VI. Old Business:

1. **Downtown Dumpster Enclosures:** T. Colbeck gave an update on the process to transfer the dumpster service to the private users. He shared two options that were given by our service provider to extend the contract through June 2016 and another to extend until June 2017. The option for the extension through 2017 would potentially allow for a smooth transition from public to private funding of the service by allowing our partners to not have to bid the process and get a guaranteed pricing for one year.

He then updated the committee on the discussion by the YDDA board to remove ourselves from also maintaining the dumpsters by turning over the operations to DAY. He noted that no determination has been agreed to at this time, but the committee may be asked to look into this in the very near future. The committee will wait for further direction from the YDDA board.

2. **YDDA Surveillance Program:** T. Colbeck gave an update to the committee regarding the board's discussion on whether the DDA should be involved in surveillance at all. He noted that there is very strong support to end any DDA role in surveillance. He restated the issue with S. Pierce's installation of private cameras piggy backing on our WIFI without having an approval to proceed. The committee members agreed that the cameras have not delivered the impact we had hoped for when compared to the expense.

They also discussed the legal ramifications of the camera footage being made available to the public and not complying to our request to ensure no recorded footage could be used for private profit.

T. Colbeck shared the information on the potential cost to cancel our existing ADT contract. The committee members agreed that this would make sense but agreed to wait for the DDA board to discuss further.

The committee then discussed our desire to stay on as a partner and support Wireless Ypsi. They recommend that we require S. Pierce disconnect his cameras from our routers but all support for Wireless Ypsi hotspots would remain intact. They noted that S. Pierce has several cameras online that use private WIFI access so they do not believe this would prevent him from preserving his camera program privately if he chooses to. This also will need the input of the board before we proceed.

3. **Depot Town Clock Repair:** T. Colbeck shared the quote he received from Verdin Clock Restoration and the two options provided. He noted that we are still waiting on information from Raphael of Olde Towne Coin & Gold on the potential of finding a local company to do the work. If we can't find an alternate, T. Colbeck recommends proceeding with Verdin with a goal of having the clock fully repaired and refurbished before the summer event season.
4. **YDDA Façade Grant Program Status:** T. Colbeck shared a memo outlining the program status. He recommends that the program application be made available on February 1st to re-open the program. He will prepare a release and promote the program as of that date. He also restated our commitment to consider the five grants applications that were received prior to the YDDA board's decision to put the program on hold. Each of these applications will be considered along with any and all new applications. The application period will be February-March which would allow for a thorough review of each application and recommendations to the board for their April meeting. The revised application and the review matrix were included in the meeting packet.

VII. New Business:

1. **YDDA Building Rehabilitation Grant Application 42 E. Cross St./Café Ollie:** T. Colbeck reviewed the application with the committee. He noted that there were several items we still needed to complete the application, but none of them were substantive to our ability to review and make a recommendation today.

The committee discussed the criteria for consideration of a grant and the availability of funding. The committee noted the validity of the proposed project as a use of Building Rehabilitation funds. There was some discussion on this project not leveraging an economic impact via job creation or increased property taxes because this is an actively used space with a running business. However there was consideration of the fact that the work being done was required from the county health department and if the work was not done, it could have a very real negative impact on the local economy.

R. Murphy moved to recommend the approval of a YDDA Building Rehabilitation Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to support the project, contingent upon clarification of

any outstanding application requirements. J. Albers supported the motion and it was approved unanimously.

VIII. Proposed Business: none

IX. Announcements/Comments: none

X. Audience Participation: none.

XI. D. Otto moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am. **Next Meeting:** February 24, 2016 at SPARK East.