

City of St. Louis Downtown Development Authority

Minutes of Regular Meeting: February 13, 2025

Present: Peterman, Lewis, Bailey, Giles, Coty, Minor, Nannan and Leppien

Absent/Excused: Castle, Eilts, Saurman

Meeting called to order by Peterman at 12:15 p.m. Recognized the addition of Melissa Castle to the DDA Board

Election of officers was held.

Moved by Coty, supported by Giles that the following slate of officers be approved:
Chairperson – Peterman, Vice-Chair – Lewis, Secretary/Treasurer – Bailey.
All Ayes/Motion Carried.

Minutes and Quarterly Report for the meetings of July 25 and November 7, 2024 were reviewed.

Moved by Bailey, supported by Giles to approve the Minutes and Quarterly Report of July 25 and November 7, 2024 and place them on file. All Ayes/Motion Carried.

Financial statement presented through December 31, 2024.

Moved by Coty, supported by Lewis to approve the financials through December 31, 2024 and place them on file. All Ayes/Motion Carried.

Quarterly DDA Staff report. Leppien presented the report (attached) which includes:

- Projects/Available Properties/Business Attraction
- Streetscape Improvements/Maintenance/Signage
- Promotion/Advertising/Events

DDA Façade Grant Program

Moved by Coty, supported by Nannan to approve the removal of front, side, and rear façade distinctions, shift the grant onto the fiscal calendar, and increase the available amount to \$3,000. Five grant opportunities for a total of \$15,000 were approved for 2025. All Ayes/Motion Carried.

The Board discussed possible changes to the façade grant before approving the motion. All agreed that the program continues to be beneficial and that increasing the amount will help cover rising costs.

Motion by Giles, supported by Coty for the use of Powder Coating of Central MI to sandblast and powder coat nine benches along M-46.

Motion by Bailey, supported by Lewis to approve the purchase of nine commercial steel waste receptacles, to replace those along M-46, and one picnic table, for placement near St. Louis Optics.

Planning for 2025 – Board reviewed some items that came up at the November 7 meeting:

Ended investigation into painting the fire hydrants and placing a bench near the SHOP, Huntington installed a bench near the bank.

Discussed the Old Bank building and possibilities for the DDA to assist the City financially.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 PM.

**NEXT MEETING DATE IS
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025
AT 12:15 PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN ST. LOUIS CITY HALL**