

**Muskegon County  
Community Development/Strategic Planning  
May 21, 2009  
3:30 p.m.  
Hall of Justice, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Muskegon, MI**



**Roger Wade, Chair**

**Bill Gill, Vice-Chair**

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MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wade at 3:42 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Charles Buzzell, Lewis Collins, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Bill Gill, Ken Mahoney, Louis McMurray, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider, II, Roger Wade

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was moved by Engle, supported by Collins, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2009, meeting as written. *MOTION CARRIED.*

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- CD/SP09/05 - 16 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Engle, to authorize the Chair to sign the Notice of Aesthetic Impact, MDEQ Reference No. NAI-RRD-213-08-004 and that the Corporate Counsel be authorized to record same. *MOTION CARRIED.*
- CD/SP09/05 - 17 It was moved by Collins, supported by Engle, to approve the License Agreement for the Use of Heritage Landing between the County of Muskegon and Muskegon Summer Celebration for 2009 and 2010 and to authorize the Board Chair to sign agreement.  
ROLL CALL:  
Ayes: Collins, Derezinski, Gill, Mahoney, McMurray, Nash, Scolnik, Snider, Wade  
Nays: Buzzell, Engle  
*MOTION CARRIED.*

Commissioner Buzzell noted funds are needed to continue to maintain Heritage Landing which is why the \$1.00 ticket surcharge was introduced. Ms. Dick noted one half of this \$1 is used for the maintenance of Heritage Landing and the other one half was included as a budget balancing strategy.

Commissioner Engle was in agreement with Commissioner Buzzell that this \$1.00 ticket surcharge is needed by the County for continued maintenance of Heritage Landing.

It was moved by Snider, supported by Derezinski, to propose a friendly amendment to include, in Section 14, item C., to include Paragraph A - to read: The parties further agree, that although Paragraphs A & B above represents the amount of the surcharge, the COUNTY, for the term of this Agreement, will suspend collection of the surcharge until such time as the LICENSEE reaches a fund balance of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00), by the end of its fiscal year, September 30. *MOTION CARRIED.*

It was moved by Nash, supported by Mahoney, to include, in Section 14, item C, the year ending 2009. *MOTION CARRIED.*

Commissioner Nash addressed the clause for finance reports and questioned if those reports were available or received by Administration. Ms. Dick noted financial records of Summer Celebration or information from previous years has not been received.

It was moved by Nash, supported by Snider, to suspend the rules and allow for public participation to allow Joe Austin, Summer Celebration Executive Director, to address the Board.

Commissioner Nash requested information on how long Summer Celebration has been in effect and how many years have they been in the red and in the black.

Mr. Joe Austin noted Summer Celebration began in 1993 and has turned a profit each year since 1993 with the exception of four, three of those being the last three years. He noted a considerable amount of their fund balance was used to pay for debts of the Air Fair and in trying to run the Air Fair in 2006. He also discussed a lawsuit with Ted Nugent which resulted in \$100,000 being paid from this fund balance.

Commissioner Nash questioned Mr. Austin on the event parking. Mr. Austin noted event parking was handled via Prime Parking who provides maintenance for the property and secured lots at Carpenter Brothers and the Depot. He apprised the Board that this payment can be made from last year.

CD/SP09/05 - 18 It was moved by Collins, supported by Mahoney, to approve a contribution to the Muskegon Heights Festival in the amount of \$3,000.00 - funding to come from the CVB marketing budget. *MOTION CARRIED.*

It was moved by McMurray, supported by Snider, to suspend the rules and allow for public participation by Muskegon Heights Mayor Darrell Paige. *MOTION CARRIED.*

Muskegon Heights Mayor Darrell Paige addressed the Board and thanked them for their contribution to the Muskegon Heights Festival.

CD/SP09/05 - 19 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Scolnik, to approve a contribution of \$3,000.00 to the Miss Michigan Pageant to come from the CVB marketing budget. *MOTION CARRIED.*

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.