



**November 30, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was held Wednesday, November 30, 2021, via zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Laurie Dixon, Chair.

**Members Present:** Brian Rzeppa, Steven Rzeppa, Laurie Dixon, Scott Cabauatan, Mark Nestor, David Patz, Katie Mans

**Members Absent:** Jim Schropp, Rina Belanger, Mark Nestor

**Others Present:** John Laub, Wendy Pate, Michelle Bennett, John Iocoangeli

**Approval of Minutes:** moved by S. Rzeppa, support B Rzeppa to approve minutes 5/12/21, 8/18/21, 10/27/21

Motion carried

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business**  
**Project updates**

Holiday lighting – installed and looks good. December 4<sup>th</sup> is parade and tree lighting

**New Business**

- Welcome new members: Mark Nestor and Scott Cabauatan and Carrie Hancock
- Michelle Bennett & John Iocoangeli of Beckett & Raeder presented proposed development plan and TIF plan for City of Trenton. Would like to have development plan and TIF in place by last Monday in May. Asking that DDA look at developing and prioritizing projects during Jan and Feb and then Beckett & Raeder will be able to finish implementation. More than one meeting Jan and Feb.

- Mr. Laub along with input from City Assessor will provide parcel ids, taxable value and other necessary data to review possible boundary expansion. Members of the board will tour DDA district to further look at development opportunities.
- Support for EDA EAA coalfire grant application – federal grant money available for negatively affected communities due to closing of power plants. The 5 riverfront communities to work together in submitting projects and looking for overlap.
- Moved by Cabauatan, support by Dixon to send letter of support for coalfire grant to DCC

Motion passed

- 2022 meeting schedule – John will send out notice for meeting the week of December 13-17 after determining best date for quorum
- Laub will poll everyone at December meeting and look to schedule 2 meetings in January and February
- Moved by Dixon supported by Cabauatan to table annual meeting scheduling until December meeting

Motion passed

### **Public Comment**

Councilperson Pate applied for "miraclewalk" award through GM grants to help put in signage for Trailtown project and road markings. Pate has received permission to put in mural on railroad overpass on W. Jefferson and updated board on timeline and costs. Will have official proposal to go before DDA and Council by end of December.

### **Comments**

Preliminary thoughts on expansion. Core of downtown has been neglected – like to see money spent downtown. Better to concentrate funding rather than sprinkling everywhere. West road may not need the upgrades that downtown needs but will expect something if included in DDA. Need to know how much money expansion brings in and how much newly included areas expect to be spent.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:14p.m.

**Next Meetings:** TBA