



## CITY OF HART

407 S. STATE ST.

HART, MI 49420

**Hart Economic and Redevelopment Team (H.E.A.R.T.)**

April 5, 2023

### MINUTES DRAFT

#### 1) Call to Order

Rybarz called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

##### a) Roll Call

- **Members present:** Scott Beal, Catalina Burillo, Fred Rybarz, Hannah Juhl, Sue Payne, Maria Rosas, **Absent:** Justin Adams
- **Others present:** Nichole Kleiner, Vicki Platt, Rob Splane

#### 2) Public Comments – None

#### 3) Approval of the Consent Agenda - Motion by Burillo, supported by Beal to approve the consent agenda after clarifying that the pop up shop electrical setup was left to ask Hart Electric about. Nichole clarified the results of the conversation with Hart Electric in the minutes which happened after the meeting. Motion carried.

#### 4) Action Items

- a) **Authorize \$500 towards art installment on island** – Nichole presented an art project that Paul Cutter and Ralph Baker offered to make of three soldiers kneeling by a cross and gun with helmet on it in honor of those who lost their lives in service. The installment will go on the island on the south end of Main Street bridge. Motion by Burillo, supported by Juhl to authorize the \$500 towards the installation of the soldier art on the island. Motion carried.

#### 5) Updates/Discussion Items

- a) **Match on Main Grant** – Nichole reported that the grant for Pink Elephant had been submitted and we should get word on the results in April.
- b) **Main Street CD** – Nichole cashed out the Main Street CD in the amount of \$12,640, the funds have been deposited into the HEART account
- c) **Pop up shops** – Nichole shared the two applications that were received so far with the board and shared the color scheme stating that the order will be placed next week. Fred Rybarz wanted to discuss moving the chalets back to their original proposed location at the Ceres property out of consideration for the lost parking at their location at the Commons. The board did not feel that the loss of parking was an issue, including Stella's who relies on parking across the street. It was also mentioned that Ceres is outside the Social District and out of the site line of visitors downtown.
- d) **Project Updates**
- **Ceres Co-op** – Nichole reported that TIFA closed on this property March 8, 2023
  - **Wayfinding** – on pace for spring installation, finalizing details.
  - **Streetscape Design** – Nichole brought streetscape plans that Prein & Newhoff prepared as a result of conversations with the TIFA board to review after the meeting.
  - **Hart Project Update** – Tin man is on schedule to arrive by asparagus festival, Nichole sent contract and deposit. Preparing final location at Hart Commons to pour pad and set electrical for his arrival.

6) **Board Member Comments** – Scott Beal reminded Nichole to check on whether we have permission to use the billboard off NB US31 since the property sold to Trinity Health, per Payne. Burillo said to contact John Foss, the VP at Lakeshore Hospital for permission. Nichole agreed to reach out.

Nichole shared the design that was put together to promote the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NAF for downtown light poles, the board narrowed the options down to two suggesting a version be created using parts of both designs. A third design is a favorite of the group but too busy for banners, it is an illustration that was printed in the Detroit Free Press during the first annual NAF. It was suggested that posters of that design be created and sold as a fundraiser for HEART. Burillo suggested getting artwork to use from Annette Toulemon, a local mural artist for posters and local prints to sell.

7) **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn made by Catalina, supported by Beal. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nichole", written in a cursive style.

Economic & Community Development Director