

**MAIN STREET AREA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

July 25, 2017, 8:00 AM

DDA Office, 150 S. Fifth Avenue

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: JIM BEUCHE; JIM CURTIS; RON DANKERT; JEFF HARSHE; JOAN LOWENSTEIN; KATHY MACDONALD; RENE PAPO

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: JEFF HAUPTMAN; MIKE MARTIN; RICHARD MITCHELL; TOM MURRAY; EDWARD SHAFFRAN; MICHAEL WATTS

OTHERS PRESENT: BETSY JACKSON; ROB SPEARS

1. **Call to Order:** Treasurer Jeff Harshe called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. A quorum was present.
2. **Public comments:** In order to accommodate the schedules of the representatives of the Ann Arbor Police Department, Item 4.a was moved up. Chief Jim Baird and Officer Doug Martell discussed the current situation with loitering and panhandling and reviewed the City's ordinance related to solicitation (ordinance attached). The officers also described another tool available to property owners – the Trespass Agent agreement – that gives the AAPD access to property after hours if situations related to vagrancy or other illegal behavior warrant. MOTION to prepare a letter to BIZ property owners was made by Mr. Jim Beuche. SECONDED by Mr. Rene Papo. CARRIED by unanimous vote.
There were no other public comments.
3. **Approval of Minutes of May 23, 2017:** MOTION to approve the minutes of May 23 was made by Mr. Beuche. SECONDED by Mr. Papo. CARRIED by unanimous vote.
4. **Report of Operations:**
 - a. Receipt of financial reports for May and June, 2017 – Mr. Rob Spears, reported that BIZ accounts totaled \$91,238.22. The financial obligation to the “champions” who invested in the BIZ expansion campaign has been paid in full. MOTION to receive the financial reports was made by Ms. Kathy Macdonald. SECONDED by Mr. Beuche. CARRIED by unanimous vote.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. Minutes of Annual Meeting of May 23, 2017 – MOTION to receive the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting was made by Mr. Ron Dankert. SECONDED by Ms. Joan Lowenstein. CARRIED by unanimous vote. The minutes will be presented for *approval* at the 2018 Annual Meeting.
 - b. Zone Plan addendum – Language to clarify the assessment section of the BIZ Zone Plan was presented for review in May. MOTION to approve the addendum was made by Mr. Dankert. SECONDED by Ms. Macdonald. CARRIED by unanimous vote.
 - c. By Laws revisions – Language to amend the By Laws to reflect operational realities was presented for review in May. MOTION to approve the revisions was made by Mr. Beuche. SECONDED by Mr. Jim Curtis. CARRIED by unanimous vote.
 - d. Landscaping update – Landscape Committee chair Kathy Macdonald reported that some of the landscape pots had to be moved due to construction. No further action required.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. 2017-2018 BIZ meeting schedule – Ms. Betsy Jackson presented the proposed schedule for BIZ board and executive committee meetings. No changes were made to the basic schedule for the past two years, as detailed below:
Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings (proposed): 2017: September 26, November 28. 2018: January 23, March 27, April 24 (tentative), May 22 (Annual Meeting). Upcoming Executive Committee Meetings (proposed): 2017: August 22, October 24, December 19. 2018: February 27, June 26

MOTION to approve BIZ meeting schedule was made by Ms. Lowenstein. SECONDED by Mr. Dankert. CARRIED by unanimous vote.
7. **Adjournment:** MOTION to adjourn was made by Mr. Dankert and SECONDED by Mr. Papo. CARRIED by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Dankert, MSA BIZ Secretary