

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

August 31, 2021, 8:00 AM
Meeting by Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: ROGER AHN; JIM BEUCHE; JON CARLSON; JIM CURTIS; KAREN FARMER; JEFF HARSHE; KATHY MACDONALD; MIKE MARTIN; RICHARD MITCHELL; TOM MURRAY; EDWARD SHAFFRAN; MICHAEL WATTS

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: RON DANKERT

OTHERS PRESENT: BETSY JACKSON

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Ed Shaffran called the meeting to order via Zoom, at 8:03 a.m. A quorum was present.
2. **Public comments:** There were no public comments.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** MOTION to approve the minutes of May 25, 2021 was made by Ms. Kathy Macdonald. SECONDED by Mr. Tom Murray. CARRIED by unanimous vote.
4. **Report of Operations:** Chairman Ed Shaffran reported that, to date, the BIZ accounts totaled \$178,096. MOTION to receive the financial report for April 2021 was made by Mr. Jim Curtis. SECONDED by Mr. Jim Beuche. CARRIED by unanimous vote.

The 2021-2022 budget, which was approved, with revisions, was presented and discussed. MOTION to confirm the budget and report it at the Annual Meeting was made by Mr. Jeff Harshe. SECONDED by Mr. Roger Ahn. CARRIED by unanimous vote.

5. New Business:

- a. Board ballot – Ms. Jackson reported that a board election will be held at the BIZ Annual Meeting, and that the following board members will be up for re-election: Farmer, Macdonald, Mitchell and Murray for terms ending June 30, 2023, and Carlson, Dankert, and Harshe for terms ending June 30, 2024. MOTION to forward these names for re-election at the Annual Meeting was made by Mr. Mike Martin. SECONDED by Mr. Jon Carlson. CARRIED by unanimous vote.
- b. Draft Annual Reports – Ms. Jackson presented the draft annual reports for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. It was recommended that the reference be changed from “Bi-Annual Report” to “Annual Reports for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.” It was also recommended that ‘Income and Expense’ (p.6) include text explaining the net loss for 2020-2021. MOTION to recommend the Annual Reports at the Annual Meeting, as corrected, was made by Ms. Macdonald. SECONDED by Ms. Karen Farmer. CARRIED by unanimous vote.
- c. Annual Meeting Agenda – MOTION to approve the agenda for the September 23 Annual Meeting was made by Mr. Curtis. SECONDED by Ms. Macdonald. CARRIED by unanimous vote.
- d. Ann Arbor Social District Ordinance – Mr. Murray updated the board regarding the creation of a Social District for downtown Ann Arbor. The local ordinance will allow patrons within the district to carry open alcoholic beverages. There are 70 such districts in Michigan so far, with very positive results. The management plan for the Social District is currently under City review. No action required.
- e. Trash removal update – Mr. Murray also reported that the City is renegotiating its waste removal contract with Waste Management. In order to receive Sunday trash pick-up, the City must hear from at least 20 commercial property owners in downtown; as of today, only 17 have notified the City of their desire for Sunday service. Any other property owners in support of Sunday service should contact Sandra Andrade at the Main Street Area Association to add their name to the list. No action required.

6. Old Business:

a. Landscape committee update – Ms. Macdonald reported that the plants in the planters will be changed out for late summer/fall in the next few weeks. The need for weeding the planters has increased. And the vendor, Heritage Lawn Services, recommends returning to sidewalk sweeping three times per week, given the return of students and Michigan football reopening to full attendance. No action required.

7. Adjournment: MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Michael Watts. SECONDED by Mr. Dick Mitchell. CARRIED by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Macdonald, MSA BIZ Secretary