

**A regular meeting of the Downtown Development Authority for the City of Bessemer
was held in the DDA meeting room on
Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 12:00**

Present: Osier, Whitburn, Kikkebusch, Leskoviansky, Filippini

Absent: Hamilton, Youngberg, Zak, Durkee

A quorum was present

Kikkebusch made the motion to approve the minutes from February's meeting. Osier seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor.

- 1) Osier made a motion to provide up to \$400 a month for 6 months in rental assistance and up to \$500 on a 1:1 cash match for fixed building improvements to the Yellow Umbrella owned by Bridget O'Sullivan, Kikkebusch seconded it and it passed unanimously.
- 2) Leskoviansky made a motion to provide up to \$400 a month for 6 months in rental assistance and up to \$500 on a 1:1 cash match for fixed building improvements to Brandon Saari's Saari's Rustic furniture. Kikkebusch seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Item	Description	Responsible Individual	Action Steps
Pop-up shops	Provide minimal initial funding to start up businesses in our downtown	Charly Loper	
Economic Impact study	Look into creating an impact study	Steve Hamilton	
Banners	Order new banners for before and after summer	Branding Committee	Bring design ideas to DDA
Trees	Ethnic Common's Trees aren't looking healthy	Charly Loper	Discussed bringing in Birch trees that require spraying
Lights in Ethnic Commons	Provide lights on gazebos	Dan Whitburn	Look into LED in the spring
Welcome signs	Look into costs for sign and not base	Charly Loper	

- 1) Osier made a motion to purchase 40 banners for a total of \$1,890. Whitburn seconded it and it passed unanimously.
- 2) Whitburn made a motion to accept the tree bid from Foley's tree service for \$7,150. Filippini seconded it and it passed unanimously.
- 3) Kikkebusch made a motion to apply for the First Impression's grant opportunity. Osier seconded it and it passed unanimously.
- 4) Osier made a motion to send the letter to businesses detailing opportunities offered by the DDA. Leskoviansky seconded it and it passed unanimously.
- 5) Whitburn made a motion to adjourn, Kikkebusch seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

Whitburn made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Osier seconded it and it passed unanimously.