

**A regular meeting of the Downtown Development Authority for the City of Bessemer  
was held in the DDA meeting room on  
Thursday, April 11th, 2019 at 4:00**

Present: Zak, Osier, O’Sullivan, Bjorkquist, Whitburn, Leskoviansky,

Absent: Durkee, Filippini,

A quorum was present

Zak made the motion to approve the minutes from March’s meeting. Leskoviansky seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor.

- 1) The board discussed the article pertaining to sunk costs and walking away from them
- 2) The board discussed the financials.
- 3) Staff Loper explained Dan Whitburn’s purchase of 111 Mary St and his request for half of his costs up to \$744.98. Zak made a motion to approve façade funding at 111 Mary st to cover half the costs up to \$744.98. Osier seconded it. Yeses: Zak, Osier, Leskoviansky, O’Sullivan, Bjorkquist  
No: none Passed unanimously
- 4) Zak made a motion to approve the skidsteer contract with the city. O’Sullivan seconded it. Roll call: Yeses: Zak, Osier, Leskoviansky, O’Sullivan, Bjorkquist  
No: none Passed unanimously

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Item	Description	Responsible Individual	Action Steps
Lights in Ethnic Commons	Determine if we should replace next spring with LED		
First Impression Tourism			
Wayfinding on US-2	Discuss Mine St lot, ROW 5.5 blocks east of downtown, update banner. 4’ by 4’ sign costs \$120-\$150 plus poles	Charly	Design Sign
Christmas lights	Discuss lights to purchase	Bridget, Dustin, and Charly meet up to discuss	
Broadband in Downtown	Update	Charly	Reach out to apartments for fiber
Marketing Grant Opportunity	Apply for grant		
Co-working Spaces	Look into assisting with marketing/ advertising		

Downtown/ Expanding PopUp Shop Program			
Parking Lot	Drafted contract from attorney has been delivered to Big Dollar		
Clearing Sidewalks in winter starting 2021	Estimated cost of used Skidsteer with attachments is \$50,000. Look at swept attachment. City draft a contract between DDA and City	Charly	Contract finalized and sent to city council
Ethnic Commons access	Reach out to Ruotsola for estimate to cut 2 or 3 entrances into wall		
Welcome signs	\$7,500		Reach out to Kikkebusch to see if he is still interested in assisting
Vacant Store Fronts	Spruce up windows with blown up photos (\$20 for 20" x 30" unframed) or artwork from residents. Reach out to Copper Peak and Historical Society to see if they're interested		
Sidewalks along US-2	Estimated cost to DDA \$11,913		Apply for grant
Meetings for state requirements			Waiting for more guidance from the state

- 6) Zak made a motion to move forward on the welcome signs and seeing if Kikkebusch is interested in welding them for us at his previous cost. O'Sullivan seconded it and it passed unanimously.
- 7) Osier made a motion to allow Staff to apply for TAP funding to expand sidewalks from Bluff View Hotel to Peck St on the south side of the highway for an estimated city share of \$11,913. Whitburn seconded it and it passed unanimously.
- 8) Osier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whitburn seconded it and it passed unanimously.