

**A regular meeting of the Downtown Development Authority for the City of Bessemer
was held in the DDA meeting room on
Thursday, May 9th, 2019 at 4:00**

Present: Osier, Bjorkquist, Leskoviansky, Filippini,

Absent: Durkee, Zak, O’Sullivan, Whitburn,

A quorum was present

Osier made the motion to approve the minutes from April’s meeting. Filippini seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor.

- 1) The board discussed the article pertaining to economic mobility in rural areas.
- 2) The board discussed the financials. Filippini made a motion to accept them and place them on file. Bjorkquist seconded it. It passed unanimously.
- 3) Staff Loper explained her mistake with the previous discussion for Whitburn’s property. At the last meeting the motion was made to approve up to \$744.98. It was supposed to be up to \$3,500. Leskoviansky made a motion to amend the motion to approve Dan Whitburn’s request for 111 Mary street façade funding to be matched up to \$3,500. Filippini seconded it. Yeses: Osier, Bjorkquist, Leskoviansky, Filippini No: none Passed unanimously
- 4)

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 Downtown/	Look into assisting with marketing/ advertising		

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 Aili for costs for 1 or 3 entrance. Reach back out to Luppino and ask for costs for 1 entrance		
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	Exploring other avenues		
Meetings for state requirements			Waiting for more guidance from the state

- 5) Leskoviansky made a motion to approve Kristin Ojaniemi's submission for creating the "Be Yourself" videos if she is willing to create 4 videos at \$1,000/ a piece. Bjorkquist seconded it. Yeses: Osier, Bjorkquist, Leskoviansky, Filippini No: none Passed unanimously
- 6) Osier made a motion to approve Staff Loper to attend a training in Negaunee for the new TIF laws in the amount of \$183.48. Filippini seconded it. It passed unanimously.
- 7) Printed Brochures was removed from the agenda
- 8) Curtains for auditorium was tabled due to a lack of quorum.
- 9) Leskoviansky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Osier seconded it and it passed unanimously.