

A regular meeting of the Downtown Development Authority
for the City of Bessemer was held in the
DDA meeting room on
Thursday, January 9th, 2020 at 4:00

Call to order at 4:00

Present: Osier, Filippini, Kryshak (In for Zäk)ä Bjorkquist, Olsen,
Meinke, Whitburn, Leskoviansky Absent:

A quorum was present

Olsen made motion to approve November's minutes, Osier seconded, passed unanimously

Board discussed the training materials regarding fiber internet in rural America.

The board discussed the finances, Olsen made a motion to accept the financials. Osier seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Item	Description	Responsible Individual	Action Steps
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, Dustin	Design Sign
Christmas lights			
Broadband in Downtown	Continue contacting companies to move this forward including PFN, Charter, and Gogebicrange.net. Look into the cost of laying it ourselves.	Charly	
Marketing Grant Opportunity	We are covered through April for social media costs from the grant.		
Co-working Spaces Downtown/ Expanding Popup :Shop Program	library grant		
Parking Lot	Look into purchasing part: of Big Dollar Parking Lot, look at angle parking on Mary St, look next to the Grasshopper		

Ethnic Commons access	Done, needs restoration. Contacted Durkee		
Welcome Signs	\$7,500/ apiece.		
Meetings for state requirements			
2021 Project	Discussed wanting trees, bulbouts (if can be plowed), and looking at long lasting solutions for filling in bulb-outs		

Whitburn made a motion to change the Popup Shop program to 3 months of full reimbursement up to and then the next 6 months up to 50% reimbursement up to \$250/ month. Leskoviansky seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Kryshak made a motion to have the POPUP Shop owners check In the with DDA every three month\$ until their funding expire\$ to inform the board on how they are doing. Bjorkquist \$econdecl it and it passed unanimously.

Whitburn made a motion to allow building owners who start a business to access the Popup Shop funding in the same amounts as the traditional Popup business for partial reimbursement Kryshak seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Kryshak made motion to accept the 2020 schedule as presented. Meinke seconded it. It passed unanimously,.

Kryshak made a motion to adjourn, Osier Seconded. Passed unanimously. Adjourned at 5:10 PM