

**A regular meeting of the Downtown Development Authority for the City of Bessemer
was held in the DDA meeting room on
Thursday, May 14th, 2020 at 4:00**

Call to order at 4:00

Present: Osier, Filippini, Zak, Bjorkquist, Olsen, Whitburn, Leskoviansky

Absent: Meinke,

A quorum was present

Osier made motion to approve January's minutes, Filippini seconded, passed unanimously

Board discussed the training materials about malls.

The board discussed the finances

The board discussed the upcoming capital improvement projects. Due to the uncertainty of the virus the board decided to hold off on fiber internet for the downtown. The board also discussed helping bars and restaurants with outdoor seating areas as part of the façade program.

Madison Stromberg presented her plan for the PopUp Shop funding for Range Medical Message. The board asked a few questions. She requested \$450/ month for 3 months and \$225/ month for the following 6 months. Zak made a motion to fund Range Medical Message through the PopUp Shop program for \$450/ month for the first 3 months and \$225 for the following 6 months and up to \$500 for fixed building improvements on a 1:1 cash match basis. The rental reimbursement will begin when she is legally able to open. Bjorkquist seconded it. Yeses: Osier, Filippini, Zak, Bjorkquist, Olsen, Whitburn, Leskoviansky Noes: None It passed unanimously.

John and Stephanie Matonich presented their plan for the PopUp Shop funding for Spinning Spurs Saloon. The board asked a few questions. They requested \$400/ month for 3 months and \$200/ month for the following 6 months. Olsen made a motion to fund Spinning Spurs Saloon through the PopUp Shop program for \$400/ month for the first 3 months and \$200 for the following 6 months and up to \$500 for fixed building improvements on a 1:1 cash match basis. Osier seconded it. Yeses: Osier, Filippini, , Bjorkquist, Olsen, Whitburn, Leskoviansky Noes: None Technology failure: Zak It passed unanimously.

The board discussed the social media account. Osier made a motion to suspend the account. Bjorkquist seconded it. Yeses: Osier, Filippini, Zak, Bjorkquist, Olsen, Whitburn, Leskoviansky Noes: None It passed unanimously.

The board discussed the parking downtown and instructed staff to look into parking along Mary St.

Doug Kikkebusch is working on the entrance signs. He requested an additional \$2,500 upfront to help with the expenses. He also requested additional time. Zak made a motion to approve the financial request and a time extension until August 1st. Olsen seconded it. Yeses: Osier, Filippini, Zak, Bjorkquist, Olsen, Whitburn, Leskoviansky Noes: None It passed unanimously.

The board discussed stamped concrete options and requested pictures of options.

The school had requested to install banners to celebrate their graduates. They also asked for assistance with new hardware. Whitburn made a motion to allow the school to hang their banners and to replace the hardware. Olsen seconded it. Yeses: Osier, Filippini, Zak, Bjorkquist, Olsen, Whitburn, Leskoviansky Noes: None It passed unanimously.

Historical Society Lease - Discussed lease with no comment. Osier motioned to approve the lease. Olsen Seconded. Yeses: Osier, Filippini, Zak, Bjorkquist, Olsen, Whitburn, Leskoviansky Noes: None It passed unanimously.

2020/2021 Budget - Discussed that we are unsure of how state and local governments would react to the COVID pandemic. Zak motioned to table the approval of the budget to next months meeting. Olsen Seconded. Yeses: Osier, Filippini, Zak, Bjorkquist, Olsen, Whitburn, Leskoviansky Noes: None It passed unanimously.

There was no public comment

Zak made a motion to adjourn. Bjorkquist Seconded. Yeses: Osier, Filippini, Zak, Bjorkquist, Olsen, Whitburn, Leskoviansky Noes: None It passed unanimously.