

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

Call to order at 4:00

Present: Filippini, Zak, Olsen, Whitburn, Meinke, Leskoviansky,
Absent: Osier, Bjorkquist,
Joined late: Whitburn

A quorum was present

Zak made a motion to approve May and June minutes as corrected and correct January's minutes which incorrectly were labeled December. Leskoviansky seconded it. Roll call was taken. Yeses: Filippini, Zak, Olsen, Whitburn, Meinke, Leskoviansky, Noes: none. It passed unanimously.

Staff presented the DDA's financial habits for the past year per the State requirements of PA 57. There was no discussion.

Board discussed the training materials about options for assisting businesses through the virus.

The board discussed the finances. Olsen made a motion to approve them. Zak seconded it. Yeses: Filippini, Zak, Olsen, Whitburn, Meinke, Leskoviansky, Noes: none. It passed unanimously.

The board discussed whether they were ok with a sign stating business district rather than downtown district. The board agreed it would be fine.

The board discussed the need for coworking space. Others are looking into it. Staff is going to reach out to real estate agents to see if there is a trend of people moving here from other locations.

The board discussed the parking downtown and instructed staff to strip in lines. Zak made a motion to strip in angled parking. Meinke seconded it. Yeses: Filippini, Zak, Olsen, Whitburn, Meinke, Leskoviansky, Noes: none. It passed unanimously.

The board discussed stamped concrete and is leaning towards stamped concrete that matches Mary St. Staff was asked to also look into costs for milling and paving the southern most block of Sophie St.

Zak made a motion to table the banner discussion until staff reached out to rapid grafix. Leskoviansky seconded it. Yeses: Filippini, Zak, Olsen, Whitburn, Meinke, Leskoviansky, Noes: none. It passed unanimously.

Meinke's call dropped.

The only public comment was from the reporter who had emailed a couple of questions which were addressed by staff.

Olsen made a motion to adjourn. Leskoviansky seconded it. Yeses: Filippini, Zak, Olsen, Whitburn, Leskoviansky, Noes: none. It passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:34

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