

**CITY OF ALPENA, DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD  
APPROVED 6/2/2020**

Meeting date of Friday, May 22, 2020 @ 9:30 am

Meeting was held virtually through GoTo Meeting due to the Governor's Stay Home Stay Safe Order and through Executive Order No. 2020-15. Board members present either called in via phone or video. Members of the public were invited to join virtually as well.

Present: Todd Britton (via phone), Mike Mahler, Kyrie Momrik, Rachel Smolinski, Shawn Straley (via phone), Matt Wojda

Absent: Aaron Buza, Joanna Cooper, Griffin James

Staff Present: Anne Gentry

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by Chairman Mahler.
- 2. Citizens Appearing before the Authority:** None.
- 3. Late Additions to the Agenda:** None.
- 4. Second Avenue: Potential Closure.** Mahler reviewed the concept of closing Second Avenue from Chisholm St. to River St. to allow more dining tables to be placed downtown and give shoppers and visitors more room to walk and browse. This was discussed at the Economic Development Committee meeting, as well as by City Department Heads. Gentry reviewed feedback from business owners, including concerns about how rerouting traffic may affect business. No action was taken. Other alternatives will be explored for the next board meeting.
- 4. MEDC Grant Program: Match on Main.** Gentry gave an update on grant funding that has become available through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) that would be re-granted to businesses to use towards essential costs (rent, mortgage, utilities, supplies, etc). Gentry and Mahler have targeted businesses to include that applied for the first Small Business Relief Grant available for the MEDC but did not receive funding. Additional considerations included if they were restaurant or retail, involvement in the community, and recent investment into their building. The grant will be submitted by May 29.
- 5. Adjournment:** There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 am.

*Minutes recorded and prepared by Anne Gentry.*